



Salinas - Watsonville Division

With Local 890

FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

Main and John Streets
Salinas, California

By the time you read this column the Red Cross drive will be in full swing at the Spiegel Foods Plant. Make all contributions as well as payroll deductions to Lester Rogers, Personnel Director. Please contribute your full share.

With reference to seniority: The following is taken from the signed supplemental agreement as it affects seniority: However, women will be employed on a plant-wide basis in view of the rapid changes of operations where Departments frequently shut down.

SENIORITY

The following provisions shall be subject to the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940 and any orders or directives issued thereunder.

(a) The Company agrees to furnish the Union with a Seniority list.

(b) Seniority shall be computed on the continued seasonal records of the Company and shall be applied on a Departmental and Shift Basis.

(c) Ability of the employee and requirements of the job shall be considered in applying seniority.

(d) Employees who are laid off shall be re-hired inversely in the order of lay-off if reporting within seventy-two hours of the mailing hour stamp on the envelope containing the notification of the Company to report for work. Employees notified to return to work who fail to report within seventy-two hours and employees who leave their jobs voluntarily without proper cause or are discharged shall lose their seniority; provided that bona fide sickness is expected and that a Leave of Absence is obtained from the Company. Employees failing to report to the Company upon termination of such Leave of Absence shall lose their seniority.

(e) Seniority shall be broken for the following reasons:

1. If employee quits

2. If employee is discharged for cause.

3. If employee is absent without a satisfactory reason.

(f) Any member of the Union being elected to or selected to hold any office or selected as a delegate for specific activities necessitating Leave of Absence, shall be granted such Leave of Absence without pay with a privilege of renewal at the end of the termination of office or end of mission. Such members shall be returned to work with full retention of his or her seniority rights and at the then prevailing rate of pay at the time of return.

By the time you read this column, seniority lists will have been posted throughout the various Departments at the Spiegel Foods Company for your inspection and correction. Any corrections please turn them in to your Foreman or to a Shop Steward.

Several weeks ago your Union made a request for Blood Donors to replenish the blood bank at the Monterey County Hospital. Your Union again urges all of the members to contribute if you can. For arrangements you may phone 7643—Extension 6, and ask for Mrs. Sanowski, or notify the Union office and transportation will be provided. On several different occasions some of our members received blood transfusions from this bank—it must be replenished. Those in the office will donate their share.

A Form 10 as agreed upon between Spiegel Foods Company and the Union some time ago is being processed and we hope that the vacation condition will be expedited so that our people will begin to receive vacations with pay. We have some three hundred people at Spiegel Foods Company who are entitled to one week's vacation.

TO ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT THE VARIOUS ICE HOUSES IN THE SALINAS AREA: We understand that the appeal case as it affects storage men has been processed; we hope to receive favorable answers from the Board this week. You will be notified immediately.

Any of our members at the various ice houses in the Salinas area who have not received a week's vacation and have been in the em-

New AFL Radio Series Opens April 7 On CBS

Washington, D. C. Watch for the AFL's new series of radio programs which opens on a nation-wide Columbia Broadcasting System network on April 7. Beginning on that date the AFL will sponsor thirteen weekly shows on CBS, to be broadcast at 3:45 p.m., E.W.T.

The new series will start immediately after AFL sponsorship of the "America United" program over NBC ends on April 1. It will be entirely different from the forum programs presented on NBC.

On July 7 the AFL will inaugurate a final series of twenty-six weekly broadcasts over the Blue Network which will be heard at 6:45 a.m. E.W.T., each Saturday.

Massachusetts Demanding Fair Practice Setup

Boston, Mass. In an impressive demonstration of unity, leaders of labor, business, church and government and more than 800 citizens of all races, colors and creeds packed the State House auditorium here to demand a state Fair Employment Practice Commission in Massachusetts.

Among those endorsing the measure at the hearing were State CIO Pres. Joseph Salerno, Pres. John J. Del Monte of the Boston Central Labor Union, Archbishop Cushing of Boston, Mayor John E. Kerrigan, a Methodist bishop, a Jewish rabbi, spokesmen for the Ministers Interdenominational Alliance, the head of the state parole board, the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, Rep. John McCormack (D) and many business leaders.

Calling for the U. S. to demonstrate its moral right to sit at a council of the United Nations, Kerrigan said: "This is a world of colors and creeds in which we must live—and trade if we are to live. It behooves us, out of an enlightened self-interest if nothing else, to outlaw discriminatory practices in employment and to do a constructive job in educating people in the how and why of living together as brothers."

McCORMICK PLAYED FOR AID TO AXIS

Washington, D. C. Aid and abetment given the axis by Col. Robert R. McCormick's Chicago Tribune was denounced on the floor of the House by Rep. Hugh DeLacy (D., Wash.).

DeLacy recalled how more than once the reactionary Tribune has revealed data on U. S. war production, army procedure and with its "fellow axis helpers, the Washington Times Herald and N. Y. Daily News," used Hitler's "red scare" technique to spread confusion in this country.

Using quotes from Tokyo and Berlin broadcasts, DeLacy said the axis beamed propaganda taken direct from the Chicago Tribune's columns to create doubts in minds of American troops.

One Tokyo commentator, DeLacy said, referred to McCormick as an "extremely charming character."

The freshman congressman from Washington also scored attempts of certain members of Congress whom he said use the same Tribune methods to smear the Roosevelt administration and the War Department.

Reclaim Rubber Increase Badly Needed, Report

Washington, D. C. Output of reclaim rubber must be increased from a present monthly rate of 19,000 tons to 25,000 tons, James F. Clark, director of the Rubber Bureau of WPB said. Increased output of reclaim is needed primarily because of the expanded production of heavy truck and bus tires, Clark said.

Knock Us Over Head, Then Brag About It!

Grand Rapids, Michigan Stockholders of Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. are proudly told by Pres. Howard C. Lawrence that in 1944 "our profit before taxes on income increased over the preceding year 34.7 per cent and our net profit after taxes increased by 15.2 per cent. The addition to surplus after taxes and dividends in 1944 was more than double that of 1943."

N. Y. Machinist Council Favors Supporting New World Congress

Rochester, N.Y. Pork chop demands, action to insure 60 million jobs, and support for the international labor organization set up by the World Trade Union Conference in London were pledged by delegates representing 80,000 members of the New York Council of Machinists (AFL) in a week-end conference here.

Stating that "everything is machinists business" from Dumbarton Oaks and world peace to licensing of auto mechanics, they approved the following resolutions:

A demand that public members of the National War Labor Board reverse their opposition to revision of the Little Steel formula to insure purchasing power for post-war prosperity.

A wage policy including severance pay, paid holidays, night shift differentials, group insurance, a guaranteed weekly wage, sick leave for hourly employees and standardized wages in the industry throughout the state.

A declaration that labor's successful election campaign to elect its friends and defeat its enemies must be followed up by organized campaigns to put over labor's legislative aims such as the Murray bill for full employment.

Support for the international trade union organization set up in London and the suggestion that the AFL attend the second world labor conference scheduled for Paris in September.

Indorsement of Dumbarton Oaks proposals for a world security organization and a demand that labor be given a voice at the United Nations conference in San Francisco.

THEY'RE ALL STOPPED ON CONVENTIONS

Washington, D. C. An announcement by the war committee on conventions of the Office of Defense Transportation revealed some figures on low convention authorizations are being held down.

Of a total of 40 authorizations included in a recent compilation by the agency 31 were for regional and diocese church conferences scattered throughout the U. S.

Only three permits were given labor organizations: Commercial Telegraphers (AFL) for a Western Union conference April 9 in Philadelphia, United Auto Workers (CIO) for its national General Motors contract ratification held in Detroit and United Steelworkers (CIO) for its meeting in Pittsburgh Feb. 15-18 on contract ratification. The remaining authorizations were for a General Electric engineering conference May 9-11 and a University of California conference on the preservation of food held February 19.

Of 1331 applications for authority to hold group meetings, the ODT has denied 1278.

Help Shortage Holds Up Vet Service, Said

Washington, D. C. The Veterans Administration explained part of its difficulty in taking care of war veterans is lack of help.

Veterans Administrator Frank T. Hines said a nation-wide campaign is under way to get 1000 workers to come to Washington to relieve the agency's manpower problem.

New War Loan Hits Inflation

Washington, D. C. The seventh war loan drive, which begins May 14 and ends June 30, will seek to corral a bigger chunk of the nation's spendable income than any previous drive, the Treasury reveals.

The total goal of the next bond campaign will be 14 billion dollars, same as the last one. But the goal for individual bond purchases will be seven billion dollars—half the entire amount to be raised. That's two billion more than in the sixth war loan.

The goal for "E" bonds—small denomination bonds sold to wage and salary earners—will be four billion dollars this time compared with 2½ billion last time.

GILROY DIVISION

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On March 13, a large mass initiation was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall at Gilroy where nearly 300 employees from the C. B. Gentry Company received the obligation which was administered by Peter A. Andrade, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 890.

President Albert Harris instructed the members as to their duties on the obligation they took. Recording Secretary William G. Kenyon informed the membership that any new members taken in after March 1 will pay the regular initiation fee.

The following Shop Stewards were elected by the membership: Night Shift: Georgia Bulle, Frank Salazar, Francis Blake, and Clarence O'Neal.

Day Shift: Vernon Teafatiller, Harvey Whitney, Lydia McHenry and Earl Zamzaw.

The Shop Stewards were presented with Steward badges and given preliminary instructions as to their duties. A real warm round of applause was given these Shop Stewards signifying the confidence and approval of the membership of their choice. It is the opinion of the officers of Local 890 that these Stewards will do a good job. For the information of these people, a series of articles pertaining to Shop Stewards will run currently in our Labor News.

In a short time, a division office of Local 890 will be opened in Gilroy and perhaps a meeting hall as well, in order that our people may be serviced down town on their days off. Our membership will be notified immediately of any change; in the meantime, we will continue to handle all grievances and complaints at the plant as well as collecting dues. Lists are being prepared by the company so that those who have failed to join the Union will be contacted immediately.

TO ALL MEMBERS: See that the person working along side you is wearing a Union button.

Union representatives are pleased to report that the management of the C. B. Gentry Company has shown their willingness to cooperate in order that our labor relations will approach a happy medium. Thus far they have complied with the majority of our requests and it is only proper that our members know who these people are. We wish to pay our respects to the following gentlemen: Mr. Bennett, General Manager, Mr. Wiley, Personnel Director, and Mr. Norby, Plant Superintendent and their assistants.

By the time you read this column, you should have received your dues book. If you have not received your book, please notify the Union Representative. Cards will be mailed immediately to notify the balance of our members when to come in for initiation. Carry your dues book with you in the event a Shop Steward asks to see it—please cooperate with him or her and produce your book for their inspection.

Any of our members desirous of using this column for any news

SALINAS WAREHOUSEMEN 890 GET OFFICE, MEETING HALL AT GILROY; REMODEL STARTS

Teamsters and Warehousemen's Union 890 of Salinas, which recently won a jurisdictional election at the C. B. Gentry Co. cannery in Gilroy and as a result has formed a new division for Gilroy members, has leased the old Gilroy Advocate building across the street from the Postoffice in Gilroy for office and headquarters.

Peter Andrade, union secretary, reported that the union would start renovating the building at once, making necessary changes and additions and completing the remodeling job in time for the April 10 meeting of the Gilroy Division of Local 890.

Members will be notified as soon as the new union headquarters is ready for their use. In the meantime, union officials will continue to call at the Gentry plant every

SHOP STEWARDS

To all of our stewards on all jobs: Read the series of articles appearing in this paper each week, articles entitled: "Job Steward Job Explained." Several such articles will be printed. The first was on page 4 of last week's Labor News.

item, do not hesitate to do so. Series two of Instructions to Shop Stewards will appear somewhere in this paper—read it carefully.

This is AMERICAN RED CROSS

MONTH. Labor has pledged its full quota to the American Red Cross which is \$200,000,000. If it wasn't for the fact that the American Red Cross took care of our boys in enemy prison camps, thousands of them would have been dead today. Please contribute your full share.

If you change your address, notify Union Representatives; if you leave your job, please take out an honorable Withdrawal Card; pay your dues on or before the 15th of the month in order to be eligible for sick benefits.

Buy Bonds—Patronize Union Services.

In Union Circles

Plumbers 503 report one initiation, one reinstatement at their last meeting. This union has delayed action on entering the Monterey County Building Trades Council.

State Employees' delegates reported to the Labor Council in Salinas last week that negotiations for a contract will start soon as result of a successful meeting with superintendents here last week.

Forty labor unionists are eligible to attend the lecture series by Capt. Byrne, psychiatrist, starting in Salinas soon under auspices of the Veterans' Council. For information call the Labor Council.

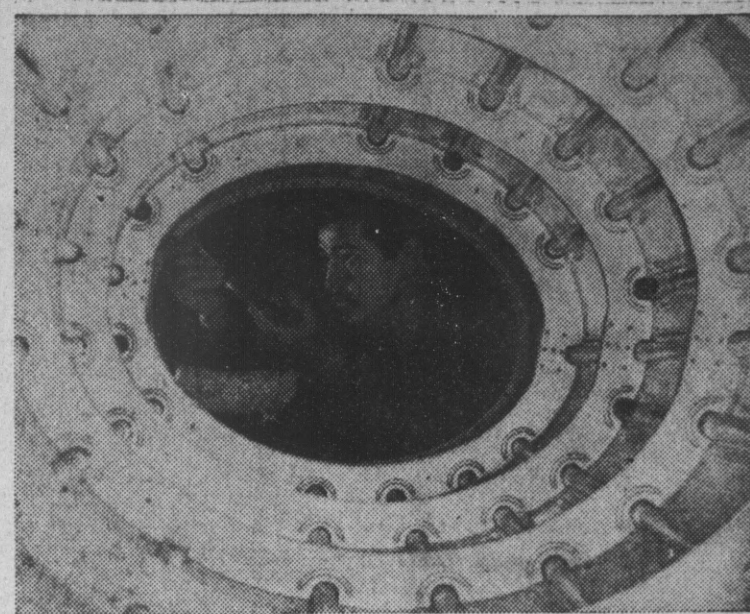
Blood is badly needed by the County Hospital for use by persons who cannot afford to pay for blood donors. Persons willing to donate blood to assist needy families should contact Warehousemen's Union 890, which will provide transportation to and from the hospital.

We hate to trust post-war prosperity to the very same boys who brought on our pre-war depression.

Many a rural romance started with a gallon of corn and ended with a full crib.

It's strange how a dog who belongs to somebody else never has much sense.

Vet Training Plan Endorsed



Forgetting crutches and the hell of battle is less than half of the many benefits derived by the patients of Birmingham Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif., who build airplane parts under a training and rehabilitation plan approved by both AFL and CIO unions. The wounded veteran above and his co-workers receive union scale rates of 85c hourly. (Federated Pictures)

'JOBS FOR ALL' BILL: State Labor Backs Act to Plan for Full Employment

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

A. B. 2136, providing for a fulltime economy in California, was introduced on March 7 by Assemblyman McMillan by the request of the following Assemblymen: Allen, Anderson, Beal, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Brady, Brown, Burkhalter, Collins, George D. Crichton, Crowley, Debs, Dekker, Dills, Clayton A. Dills, Ralph C. Doyle, Dunn, Emlay, Evans, Fletcher, Gaffney, Guthrie, Haggerty, Hawkins, Heisinger, Kilpatrick, King, Lowrey, Massion, Middough, O'Day, Pelletier, Robertson, Rosenthal, Sawallisch and Thomas. It has been referred to the Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy.

Because of its far-reaching importance to labor, as well as to the entire state, this bill represents one of the most significant legislative proposals to be submitted at the present session. The Federation is doing everything possible to support this measure, which will contribute in great measure toward solving the reconversion problem.

Briefly, the bill may be summarized as follows:
1. PURPOSE: To maintain full employment in California.
2. Abolishes Reconstruction and Re-employment Commission and transfers its functions to the Governor.

3. Creates Joint Committee on the Production and Employment Budget, whose recommendations are to serve as a framework of post-war policy for other legislative committees.

4. Governor is to submit a state production and employment budget each year to the Legislature when in regular session or to the Joint Committee during those years the Legislature does not meet. Report to include: estimated labor force, employment opportunities, general progress for encouraging non-governmental investment and expenditure, and for providing state investment to help achieve or maintain sufficient employment opportunities, etc.

Cecil B. DeMille has given up a five-thousand-a-week radio show rather than pay a one-dollar union assessment. Many people find it hard to save a dollar these days—Howard Brubaker in NEW YORKER.

NAM Salesman



The National Association of Manufacturers is trying to sell its new president, Ira Mosher, as a "typical small businessman" to mask its reactionary big business program. (Federated Pictures)

GERMAN PRISONERS TO HARVEST CROPS IN SAN FERNANDO

Los Angeles, Calif. The first of a group of 1400 German war prisoners who are to assist in picking Los Angeles County's citrus crop were expected here. Approximately 400 of the prisoners will be allocated to San Fernando valley, the rest to growers in San Gabriel valley.

Unionists Invited to Meet on Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods

San Francisco, California

The International Center, which is a coordinating agency for promoting world understanding and is under the directorship of Chester H. Rowell and constituent organizations, has invited the California State Federation of Labor and its members to attend the Institute on the Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods Proposals to be held at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24 (today and tomorrow). This Fifth Annual Institute of the International Center becomes very significant in view of the historic conference of the United Nations scheduled to be held in San Francisco in April.

Heading the list of speakers are: Dean Acheson, Assistant Secretary of State, and Norman T. Ness, Assistant Director of the Division of Monetary Research of the Treasury Department. Other speakers in the Institute are all outstanding authorities in their respective fields and should contribute much to the enlightenment of the listeners. A number of prominent educators are on the Board of Directors of the Center, and substantial organizations make up the constituent group.

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The Labor Editor Speaks

The Croakers

1939:—"That pact of non-aggression between Russia and Germany shows that both Stalin and Hitler think along the same lines. They have entered an unholy partnership to carve up the world between them."

1940:—"We don't need any preparedness. Roosevelt is just a warmonger with all his 'quarantine' talks. Besides, the French have the finest army in Europe and they will polish off Hitler."

1940:—"Now that Hitler has taken France, Denmark, Norway and the low countries, England is a goner. It's absurd to send any lend-lease to England, for anything we send will just fall into Hitler's lap."

1941:—"President Roosevelt is deliberately provoking a war with Japan. The Japs have no intention of attacking us. They're too busy with China."

1941:—"Hitler will take Moscow in six weeks. The Russians haven't any shoes, and no food, and they don't know anything about machinery, and, besides, all the Russians will now revolt against Stalin. We must write off Europe. Whether we like it or not, nothing can stop Germany's 'new order.'"

1941:—"Those Japs can't do that to us—we'll clean those little yellow bellies up in six weeks."

1942:—"With Hitler in the Caucasus and surrounding Stalingrad, the Russians are finished. To send lend-lease to Russia now is a waste of American money and it should be protested."

1943:—"The Russians will never be able to cross the high right bank of the Dnieper. At that point the war will become a stalemate. Besides, the Russians can't fight in the summer—only in the winter. Also, it will be impossible for the Russians to overcome the Nazis elaborate hedgehog defense line at Vitebsk, Orsha and Mogilev."

1943:—"Why doesn't Stalin help us to lick the Japs? I'll tell you why: It's because he has a secret agreement with the Mikado to run the world. Didn't Stalin at one time say: 'I, too, am an Asiatic?'"

1944:—"A second front in Europe would just be mass-murder of our American boys. Any attempt to invade across the English channel would be a ghastly, bloody failure. The Germans have made the entire coastline of Europe impregnable."

1944:—"You can't trust the Russians—they'll fight the Germans back only to their borders. Then they'll leave us holding the bag—fighting Hitler and Hirohito alone, so that we will weaken ourselves while Russia gets strong and runs the world—besides, the Russians can't fight when they get off their own soil."

1944:—"Even though we have opened a second front and driven to Paris, it will be impossible to conquer Germany. Our boys not only have to go through the combined Maginot and Siegfried lines, but they have to negotiate the Rhine River which hasn't been crossed by a German foe in over a hundred years. Now is the time for a negotiated peace to save our boys."

1945:—"When the Russians reach the Oder River, they will be stopped in their tracks. Germany has spent decades in fortifying this river."

1945:—"The Germans have always retreated in good order and according to plan and, although Hitler says they have lost 12,500,000 men, their armies are still intact."

1945:—"What is all this talk about getting the Russians to help us lick Japan? We can't permit it. If the Russians enter the war against Japan, Stalin's prestige will be increased in Asia and thus he will be in a position to run the world."

1945:—"The Big Three agreement at Yalta was just a dirty sell-out, with Roosevelt and Churchill truckling to Stalin."

1945:—"This Dumbarton Oaks business is the bunk. We've always had wars, anyway. Besides, didn't George Washington warn us not to get into entangling alliances?"

'DECLINE OF THE WEST'?

An official White Paper (government bulletin) of Great Britain, issued April, 1944, shows that the national income was as follows:

	Per Cent
Rent, interest and profits.....	34.4
Salaries.....	16.8
Wages.....	13.3

Read those figures over again. They speak very eloquently. In addition—

Eighty percent of the property is owned by 6 percent of the population over 25. On the other hand, 77 percent of the people own less than 5 percent of the property.

Unless Great Britain, or any other nation similarly situated, attains a better distribution of income, it will continue on the down grade.

Back Bretton Woods Setup, Morgenthau's Plea to House

Washington, D. C.
The Bretton Woods agreement, setting up an international bank for reconstruction and development, was translated before the House-banking and currency committee into terms of jobs and profits by Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr.

Morgenthau, battered somewhat by the opposition of isolationist members, told the committee the Bretton Woods agreements "can be translated into the basic necessities of life for the American people."

They involve jobs and profits. They help determine the fate of both old and new enterprises," he explained. "They govern the amount of food on the family table, the money for a new radio. Our country has as much to gain, perhaps more, than any other from passage of the legislation now before you."

The Treasury head urged passage of the agreements promptly without amendments necessitating another conference. "At Bretton Woods we had our chance to begin building post-war monetary stability," he said. "We made the most of it. But it is unlikely that this opportunity will come again in our generation."

Pointing to the forthcoming meeting to organize a world security organization at San Francisco, Morgenthau said it "needs the Bretton Woods agreements. We cannot say we are for co-operation to beat fascism and then not cooperate in the removal of one of fascism's chief weapons—economic aggression."

"Luther!" shouted Mr. Dilworth, staring at his son's bruised face and torn pants. "Have you been fighting again?"

"Aw, Pop, it wasn't my fault," Little Luther pleaded. "Scoopy Davis insulted you and I had to sock him."

Mr. Dilworth was touched. "What did he call me, son?" he asked gently.

"He said you were nothing but a blankety-blank yes-butter."

"What's that?" asked Mr. Dilworth blankly.

"Scoopy says a yes-butter is the only kind of butter we have too much of. He says it's the new strategy of the guys who are against everything but are afraid to admit it, so instead they say, 'Yes, but. Like the guys who say they're for Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods, only they just want to fix 'em up a little bit, see?'"

"Yes, I see, Luther, that you have been so misguided that you can no longer recognize the people on your side. All we want to do is make a few little changes in Bretton Woods and everybody accuses us of trying to destroy it."

"Well, if they're such little changes, Pop, why get so excited about them and start a filibuster against Bretton Woods in Congress?"

"Oh, it's not the changes themselves, Luther, it's the principle of the thing," said Mr. Dilworth. "Congress has a right to make those changes."

"But if Congress goes ahead and takes some things out and puts other things in, then all the other countries will want to do the same thing and all those years of working out the plan and getting everybody to agree on it will be wasted."

"Yes, that's true, Luther, but when you get a little older and more experienced like me, you'll realize that a few years more or less don't matter. . . . Mr. Dilworth broke off suddenly as Luther began running out of the room. "Where are you going?" he shouted.

"I'm gonna find Scoopy Davis and apologize to him!" Little Luther shouted back. "You ARE a blankety-blank yes-butter."

ANTI-UNION BILL UP IN MICHIGAN

Lansing, Michigan
The Feenstra anti-union bill, which died in committee two years ago, has been reintroduced in the Michigan legislature, following the newspaper campaign on stoppages in Detroit. It would outlaw unincorporated unions, limit union initiation fees to \$15 and dues to \$1 a month, ban union funds for political action, make unions liable to civil suit and make a union member who strikes in violation of contract or of any law guilty of a felony. A co-introducer of the bill previously had asked the death penalty for war plant strikers.

THE MARCH OF LABOR

ACCORDING TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH GROUPS WOMEN EXCEL MEN IN OPERATIONS INVOLVING THE USE OF LIGHT MACHINERY AND REQUIRING REPEITIVE SKILL, FINGER DEXTERITY AND ACCURACY.



YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THE HAT YOU BUY WAS MADE UNDER FAIR WORKING CONDITIONS IF IT BEARS THE UNION HAT LABEL. LOOK FOR IT—INSIST ON IT!

LABOR WORKS—FIGHTS—AND BUYS BONDS! DO YOUR BIT!

Doctors Find Americans Want Health Insurance

Recently the Physicians' Committee on Research, Inc., engaged the National Research Center at Denver University to conduct a nationwide poll on the question of health insurance. The committee has just made the results known. They are:

A majority of the public is convinced that many persons get too little medical care because they can't afford more; that something ought to be done about it, preferably through some form of health insurance, that the job probably will have to be done by the government rather than private agencies.

Asked if there are any people in the United States who cannot afford to see a doctor as often as they should, 81 per cent answered "Yes" and only 15 per cent "No."

As to who should do the job, 65 per cent preferred the government; 15 per cent, insurance companies; 12 1/2 per cent, doctors; 7 1/2 per cent, private charity.



BANSHEE HARVEST, by Jim Phelan. Published by The Viking Press, New York City. Price \$2.50.

For the country in the world about whom the least is known in these United States it would be fairly safe to nominate the Irish Free State, or Eire, to use its Gaelic name. Beyond the fact that Eire is governed by a premier with a Spanish name, De Valera; that its citizens hate England and everything English and that the country has been a rather unpopular neutral in the war against Fascism few Americans actually know much about the romantic Emerald Isle.

If this book is to be believed, however—and there seems small reason for doubting its contents, the work of an intensely patriotic Irishman—the major reason the Irish have not joined the United Nations in their fight on Fascism is not so much because of their hatred of England as it is because of a particularly virulent kind of Fascism which rules the land itself. It is the Fascism made manifest in a small group of powerful landholders who control the largest share of the nation's acreage—and through this power control, as Eire is primarily an Agrarian nation—the nation's government. This small group of powerful landholders have taken money from the Nazis to support their cause and keep Eire in the position of an advanced observation post and source of information to Germany of what is happening in England. Opposed to this small group of landholders, who might well be compared with the military clique who rule Argentina, are the peasants who are the largest population unit of the land but are kept in

a state of misery and economic slavery similar to the lot of the Russian peasant prior to the revolution. At the present time an undeclared civil war exists between these peasants and the wealthy landlord-ranchers—a war in which the Irish constabulary supports the landlords—and the peasants, to quote Jim Phelan, "fight in the simple historic cause of nourishment for the body and a wee dram for the soul."

The writer of this book, Jim Phelan, is an ardent advocate of the cause of the underdog, the Irish peasant. Of peasant stock himself, he has had many of the violent experiences of which he writes so movingly. Genuinely patriotic he is yet not blind to the faults of his native land—faults which are bound to result in national disaster if they are allowed to continue to exist.

The fight in Eire is the same kind of fight that is going on the world over between men who believe in human freedom and justice and men who wish to enslave others. Eventually freedom will win in Eire as it is winning in other nations of the world. Because Eire stands so close to the democracy-loving nations of the western world that its Fascist nature goes unrecognized, the process may take a long time.

This book explains a great many things we have read about but not fully realized. It explains why the British had to be so careful of leaks of vital information. It is a vivid interesting novel—worth reading on the merit of its plot—but MUST reading on the basis of the information it gives of the Fascist nature of the country at Britain's back door.

—RODNEY FISHER.

POEM OF THE WEEK

Give Him a Hand

"Life is like a mighty river
Rolling on from day to day,
Men and women launched upon it
Sometimes wrecked and cast away.
"Then do your best for one another
Making life a pleasant dream;
Help a worn and weary brother
Pulling hard against the stream."
—ANONYMOUS.

One Out of Four Grocers Cheating

More than one fourth of U. S. food stores are enjoying the dirty little game of cheating the American housewife, OPA Administrator Bowles said.

Bowles, in a conference with grocers here to learn about a new OPA drive to enforce price regulations, said that 27 per cent of the food stores are overcharging the consumer.

Additionally, he said, 12 per cent of all food items are sold at illegal prices.

All of this mounts up, he declared, to overcharging the nation's housewives about \$1 billion a year.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

PURELY OPTIONAL

A pretty lass, worried about scars from an operation, asked the surgeon if they would show.

The sage old surgeon said: "That, young lady, is strictly up to you."

FINE, LARGE EVENING

HANK: "Say, did you hear about little Audrey?"

TOM: "No, what about her?"

HANK: "Well, little Audrey nailed the bathroom door shut and then laughed and laughed, because she knew her father was having a beer party at the house that night."

APPROPRIATE HABILIMENTS

An RAF officer was picked up tearing around a hotel corridor in the nude, chasing a girl in a nightgown. At the courtmartial, his lawyer got him off by reading a regulation which said:

"Any officer may appear in public suitably clad for the sport in which he is indulging."

TOTAL RESPONSE

MAJOR (during inspection): "The man who kissed a girl good-night on the lakeshore last night, step forward—march!"

The major immediately followed up with:

"Com-pany, halt!"

SORRY—OOPS!

As the music started again a timid young private, lurking in the background, darted forward.

"Pardon me, Miss," he peeped, hesitatingly, "but may I have the next dance?"

"I'm sorry, but I never dance with a child," she said with a haughty, amused smile.

"Oh, a thousand pardons!" he replied, "I didn't know your condition."

TELLING 'EM OFF

The man walked up to the bar and ordered a beer and a whisky. He drank the beer, then to the bartender's amazement he unbuttoned his coat and poured the whisky down his lower left vest pocket. Immediately he ordered another beer and whisky, disposed of them in the same way. This went on for several more rounds.

Meanwhile, the bartender's eyes were in danger of popping right out of his head. Finally he burst out: "Hey, mister, what's the idea of that?"

"What's the idea of what?" muttered the man.

"Of drinking the beer and pouring the whisky in your vest-pocket?"

"None of your damn business," the man snarled.

"Well, I was just askin' out of curiosity," the bartender soothed.

"Say," snapped the man suddenly, "you're so nosy, I have a good mind of jumping over the bar and giving you a smack on the nose."

At this moment a mouse stuck its head out of the man's vest pocket.

"Yes," cried the mouse, "and that goes for your damn cat, too."

NOT GUILTY

WAC (to sailor): "I suppose you have been in the Navy so long you are accustomed to sea legs."

SAILOR: "Why, honey—I wasn't even looking!"

GOT AN EARFUL

A mother of a sweet young thing was heard to remark:

"I decided it was time for me to have a frank talk with my daughter and, believe me, did I learn plenty!"

NO DIFFERENCE

Mrs. Smith was relating her grievances over the garden fence.

"My husband is such a flirt," she complained. "I just can't trust him anywhere."

"Never mind, my dear," her friend consoled her. "He's probably only reverting to type."

"That's where you're wrong," said Mrs. Smith grimly. "He's reverting to typists."

CLINCHING PROOF

"You seem very quiet tonight, Roland," said the pretty girl. "Are you sure you love me?"

"Love you?" Roland exclaimed.

"Good heavens, Rhoda, when we were saying goodbye at the gate last night your dog bit a piece out of my leg, and I didn't even notice it till I got home!"

GUERRA DEL LOBO

FIRST NURSE: "Say, some of these army patients sure get me down."

SECOND NURSE: "How's that?"

FIRST NURSE: "Well, the way they act you'd think they'd been given blood transfusions from wolves."

ALL THIS AND HEAVEN

Over in Dublin, toward the end of the opera, Satan was thrusting Faust through a trapdoor which represented the gates of Hades. His Majesty got through all right, he was used to going below, but Faust, who was quite stout, got only about half way in, and no squeezing would get him any further.

Suddenly an Irishman in the gallery exclaimed devoutly, "Thank God! Hell is full!"

Foreign Trade, Desirable As It Is, No Solution of Problem of Jobs for All

By AL SESSIONS

First, let's get one thing clear: We're very much for the general proposals outlined at Teheran and Yalta, and for the specific proposals outlined at Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods. We need to draw all the world closer together through international trade, and we are enthusiastic about the idea of the more advanced countries extending a helping hand to those badly in need of modern industrial and agricultural techniques.

What we wish to point out, however, is that "foreign trade" is not the magic formula for perennial prosperity in the United States. By importing raw materials from other countries we can provide employment to many American citizens. But experience has taught us that at least nine-tenths of the "prosperity" of the country must be based on an overall plan for capacity production and full employment at home.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

The world needs a lot of things that the United States is in a position to produce and fabricate. The ravages of war in Europe and Asia have created a tremendous demand for what we can export. To fill these demands will require the labor of many farmers, workers and seamen. But we must also remember that in order to export, we must expect to import—and our own "favorable trade balance" cannot be too excessive or the whole thing will peter out. If we want to sell scads of lathes, refrigerators, pianos, locomotives, bathtubs and radios to China, Russia, Australia, Egypt and India, we have got to be prepared to import lots of Russian wool-pulp, Australian wool and hides, Chinese art-goods and Egyptian cotton in return. If our tariff schedules are too high, the other nations will not export, and if they cannot export they will not accept our imports. If we issue them purchase credits they must be in a position to pay off the credits through the sale of goods back to us.

Yet it is right here that the trouble usually arises. If the nation which exports to us wants to sell us something that we already produce in this country, the producers demand tariff barriers big enough to "protect" them against losses from "unfair competition."

REAL AID TO BACKWARD PEOPLES

The biggest service we can perform for the nations which are backward industrially is to furnish them with machine tools and technicians so that their own people can be taught to mechanize industry and agriculture and produce their own tractors, autos, radios and washing-machines. The fallacy of trying to build marginal prosperity in an advanced country by augmenting imports to "backward" countries is just this: When the "backward" countries catch up with you foreign trade, except for raw materials scarce at home, becomes largely a matter of taking in one another's washing!

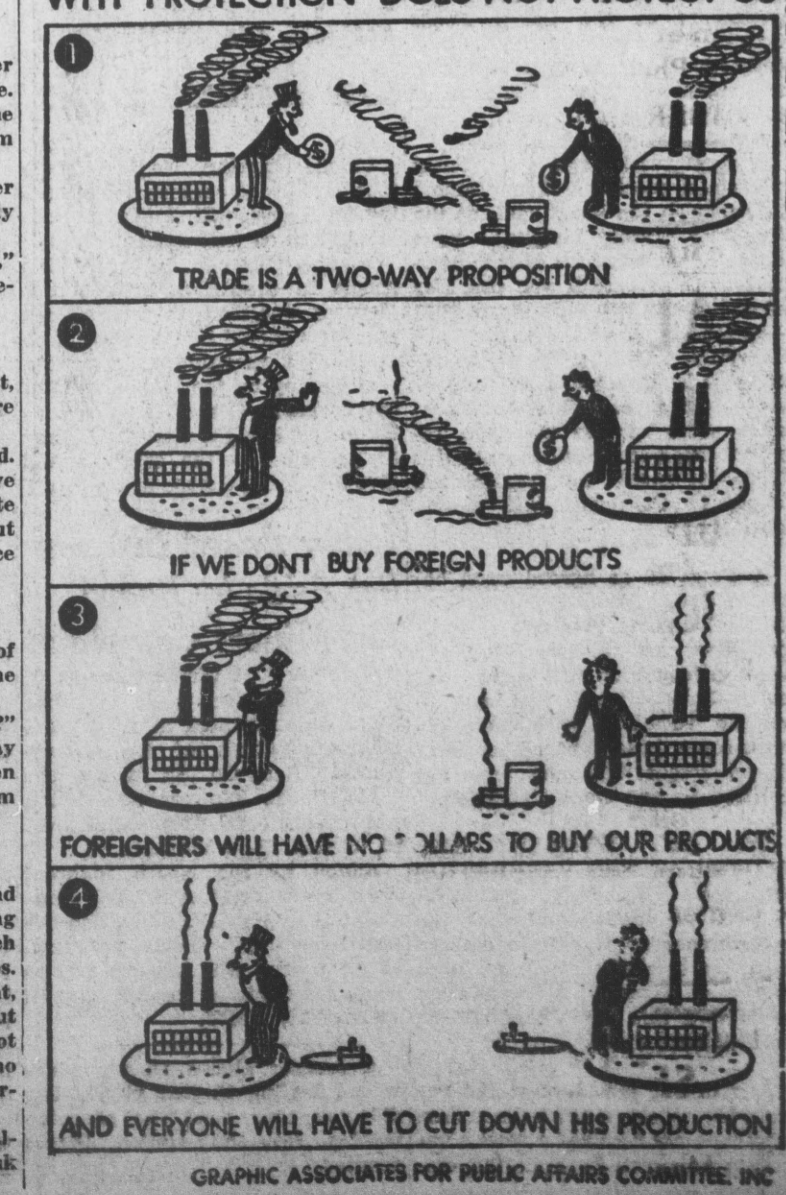
When the war is over and we are going through the period of reconversion and readjustment, the filling of foreign trade orders will help take up some of the slack. But no amount of foreign trade, if we fail to revamp our internal economy, will permanently assure 60 million jobs for Americans. Unless we adopt some over-all plan for full production, with our government providing jobs at good wages for those whom private industry

Unions Demand Navy Brass Hat Crowd Cut Out Yard Meddling

Washington, D. C.
Undersecretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard was urged by the AFL Metal Trades Department to halt interference by commandants at navy yards with the internal affairs of unions.

More and more commandants have been putting out orders forbidding supervisory employees—even though they have been union members for many years—from holding office in unions or engaging in any other union activity. Some commandants have extended the restriction to non-supervisory employees and to "straw bosses" who have little or no authority. The ban has stirred widespread resentment among navy yard workers. President N. P. Alfalas of District No. 44, International Association of Machinists, protested vehemently.

WHY "PROTECTION" DOES NOT PROTECT US



GRAPHIC ASSOCIATES FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, INC.

Georgians Deal Death Blow to Anti-Labor Act

Atlanta, Georgia—Dealing a serious blow to the Christian American Association's anti-labor movement in the south, the Georgia legislature killed by unanimous vote a proposed constitutional amendment outlawing the union shop.

Many industrial leaders lined up with labor in the drive to defeat the CAA bill. When it was scheduled to come up for debate, its sponsor, Rep. Lovett, acknowledged that it was doomed to lose and moved to withdraw it. He attacked Gov. Ellis Arnall and the speaker of the house as "dominated by organized labor." After the unanimous vote to kill the bill, Speaker Harris denounced Lovett and stated that the Georgia legislature was too "enlightened to persecute organized labor."

The anti-labor amendment was later declared unconstitutional by Arnall on the basis of an official opinion by the state's attorney general. Action of the legislature closes the issue in Georgia for the next two years.

Freshman's Alertness Kills Bill Aimed To Jail Union Strikers

Washington, D. C.—Rep. Sam Hobbs (D., Ala.) was about ready to get away with his smoothest sneak play recently. His newly designed anti-labor bill, providing 10 year jail sentences and \$10,000 fines for strikes against interstate commerce involving "violence" was slipped on the consent calendar. Spotted by Rep. Hugh DeLacy (D., Wash.), the bill was sidetracked by DeLacy's objection. Now the House liberals are gathering strength to knock the bill back into the labor committee where it will die a terrible death.

If DeLacy hadn't noticed the bill on the consent calendar, Hobbs might have called it up as an innocent "sleeper" and had it passed some fine morning with about five congressmen on hand.

Company Union Specialist In Trouble Again

Los Angeles, Calif.—Richard Franklin, professional promoter of company unions, is in hot water again. A complaint against Cannon Employees Association, dummy union set up by Franklin at the Cannon Mfg. Corp., has been filed with the NLRB by Lodge 311, International Association of Machinists.

The union accuses management, through Franklin and others, of unfair labor practices.

Franklin and his crowd are at present busy whooping up support for a so-called national collective bargaining act, which would outlaw the union shop.

End of the Trail

Goebbels is calling on his people to fight to the last man. There's a sneaking suspicion, of course, that he's the candidate for that position.

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MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Minutes of Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, March 15, 1945.

Meeting called to order by President Wm. Dickerson at 8:10 p.m.

Roll call showed six local unions represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

CREDENTIALS

Electric Workers Local Union No. 1072 presented credentials for Brother Robert Garrett.

The credentials were received and the delegate seated.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a master index analysis of Legislative Bills, 1945 first session California State Legislature.

Received copies of Assembly Bills No. 1426, 3 and 800.

Received a copy of minutes from the B. & C. T. C. of Santa Clara County and the M.P.C.L. Council.

Filed

Received two weekly news letters from the State Federation of Labor.

Received a resolution from the Marin County B. & C. T. C. asking for support of the Golden Gate Free Way.

A report from the State B. & C. T. C. of Calif. on the joint meeting held in Fresno to study the Legislative Bills for good or bad for labor, also two reports on proposed bills presented to regulate Workmen's Compensation.

From State Federation of Labor a copy of the health insurance bill.

Received a copy of a proposed wage scale for laborers in Monterey County which is to be presented to the Wage Adjustment Board.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brother Long reports the progress of the jobs for the past two weeks. There are several large repair jobs along Cannery Row. A four class room school being built at the Carmel Mission. There is a call for craftsmen in all trades, particularly carpenters, plumbers and sheet metal men. The report was accepted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Brother Webster read a report giving the recommendation of the Monterey committee for the regulation of business between Salinas and Monterey B. & C. T. C. committees.

It was moved and seconded the recommendations of the committee be approved. Carried.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brother Verbest, Truck Drivers No. 287, good meeting; initiated seven new members. They have been awarded a 10c increase for Teamsters.

Brother Farmer, Plumbers No. 62, good meeting; routine business, refreshments.

Brother Fales, Electric Workers No. 1072, good meeting; several things of interest were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Received a copy of the award to Pile Drivers giving them a new rating of \$1.61 per hour.

The secretary was instructed to notify the contractors of the change.

No further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

—L. T. LONG,

NEW YORKERS BLAZE TRAIL TO OUTLAW RACE-BAITER

Albany, N. Y.

By an overwhelming vote of 49 to 6 the New York senate passed the Ives-Quinn bill setting up the nation's first permanent state Fair Employment Practices Commission to fight job discrimination.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, signing the measure, immediately hailed its passage as "a historic step" putting the state in the leadership of the entire nation in assuring equality of opportunity for all people regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

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YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS



By GEORGE E. OUTLAND

As your representative sat in the House of Representatives a few days ago, and watched and listened to the President of the United States report on the results of the Yalta Conference, I could not help but think how increasingly internationally-minded we are becoming as a people. The isolationism which swept over America like a plague after the last war has been supplanted by a deep and real desire in the hearts of most of our people for cooperation with the other nations of the world. Partisanship, sectionalism, and prejudice still come into the picture to some extent, but taken as a whole, I think the American people are firmly convinced of the need for cooperative action in the field of world affairs.

Look at the evidence! The President and his closest advisors not only journey thousands of miles to confer personally with the leaders of our allies, but they tell us that next month another and more comprehensive conference is to be held in San Francisco. The Banking and Currency Committee is at this moment holding hearings on the Bretton Woods Conference, which is such an important and integral part of the whole international setup. Our Secretary of State and other leaders are down in Mexico, working out a more comprehensive program of cooperation with our neighbors of this hemisphere. Everywhere you turn, the representatives of the American people are busy working out the details of the post-war era, when isolationism MUST be supplanted by co-operation or all nations will perish.

One danger that is looming on the horizon at the present moment is the tendency on the part of some individuals (not always without malice, I must say) to criticize unduly the details of international cooperation without considering the broader aims and objectives. For example, many critics of the administration have hurled columns of condemnation at the Polish phase of the Yalta agreements. Cries that we have "sold Poland down the river" and "Roosevelt gave in again to Stalin" have been frequently heard. Such criticism is either biased to begin with or those who utter it do not take into consideration all of the facts. The Yalta conference, like all international conferences necessitated compromise. The complex problems of European minority groups, boundary lines, racial antagonism cannot be solved to the satisfaction of everyone. There is nothing sacred about the boundary lines of Poland as established after World War I; they were not handed down from Mt. Sinai. In the Polish nation, before Hitler's ruthless invasion more than one-third of the people were not Poles. Minority problems involving Jews, White Russians, Ruthenians, Czechs, Ukrainians and others were acute. Ethnological grounds, in themselves, certainly could not be said to have been the basis for the boundaries of that nation. Considerations of geography, military necessity, and economic resources would certainly have to be included.

The tentative settlement of the Polish problem is by no means ideal, and yet some of the problems of pre-war Poland, such as the lack of seacoast and ports, have already been met. My point is simply this: The Polish settlement was a compromise, and must be so considered. In itself it will neither cause war nor preserve peace; the latter will come only with a strong and powerful league of nations, devoted to the ideal of peace, and equipped with the weapons to stop aggression, wherever it may be found. To say that the Polish settlement is laying the ground for another war is sheer nonsense; boundaries in and of themselves have never been much more than the pretext for conflict. My own hope is that in this country will lend every possible bit of support to the political and economic cooperation that is slowly developing, and that we will keep always before us the goal of a world in which war is impossible, rather than devoting our attention to details which arouse emotions and prejudices.

Ungrateful Rankin hasn't realized yet that it means other interruptions will also be eliminated, such as (boos), (jeers) and (hisses), Also intermissions for clothespins and deodorants.

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Law of Gravitation

He had sworn to be a bachelor, She had sworn to be a bride. Well, I guess you know the answer—She had nature on her side.

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It's Up to the People: BLACK MARKET OPERATIONS COULDN'T EXIST IF BUYER REFUSED TO PLAY CROOKED

Washington, D. C.—Organized black markets in meat and sugar are springing up again in dangerous numbers, OWI reports on the basis of information from OPA, the U. S. secret service and the alcohol tax unit of the Treasury Department. The gasoline black market has been almost stopped. OPA officials deny the existence of any organized black market in cigarettes—only "petty chislers"—and black market activities in liquor have been virtually wiped out.

The new black market problem is the sudden mushrooming of counterfeit meat and sugar ration coupons. The authorities say that counterfeiting, theft and illegal distribution of ration coupons is one of the greatest menaces to rationing today. More than 1000 persons were arrested by special Treasury or OPA agents during 1944 for ration counterfeiting. OPA has imposed thousands of sanctions for violations of rationing regulations besides winning more than 5000 convictions under criminal statutes. Even though gasoline counterfeiting has been greatly reduced, more than three million counterfeit coupons representing 11 million gallons of gas were turned in to OPA in two months.

THE COUNTERFEITERS

The ration counterfeiters are the same ones who counterfeited money before the war. The gas stamp racket brought handsome profits until the government cracked down and made the risks too great. Recently the racketeers shifted from gas to food, with counterfeit sugar coupons appearing in great numbers. Extent of the black market was revealed with the seizure in Chicago of 50 million counterfeit red stamps—enough to buy all civilian rationed beef in the country for one week. A long line of professional criminals, from the racketeer higher ups who hire the counterfeiter gangs to the peddler who bootlegs to the dealer, handle the stamps before they get to the counter.

But eventually the blame falls on "dishonest, greedy consumers who foster illicit operations to the detriment of millions who respect the law," OPA Administrator Chester Bowles says.

AFL Demanding 11 Percent Hike In Pay at Once

Washington, D. C.—Appealing directly to President Roosevelt, AFL members of the National War Labor Board demanded a general wage increase of 11 per cent immediately.

"Since the war wage rates have increased by 19 per cent," the AFL group declared, "the cost of living has increased—based upon official figures—by 30 per cent. To correct the maladjustment between wages and the cost of living—when measured by the same standard that was used when the Little Steel Formula was adopted—an adjustment of approximately 11 per cent is justifiable."

The AFL petition charged that the public members of the board had perpetrated a deception on labor and the nation by changing the "measuring rod" on wage rates when they recently reported to the President that no change in the Little Steel Formula was justified.

U. S. PUBLIC VOTES ON WHAT TO DO WITH NAZI GERMANY

Survey statistics based on Roper Poll for FORTUNE Magazine

ABOLISH NAZI PARTY	Yes: 93.0	1.8	5.2
DEMOLITZ GERMAN ARMY	Yes: 84.7	3.6	
OCCUPY GERMANY	Yes: 85.5	3.8	
BREAK UP GERMANY	Yes: 40.5	33.7	25.8
RESTRICT GERMAN INDUSTRY	Yes: 43.0	41.0	16.0
REBUILD WITH GERMAN LABOR	Yes: 62.4	21.8	15.8
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**Kaiser Wants
Govt. Plants
Kept to Solve
Job Problems**

Washington, D. C.

The hope of full production to keep the high standard of living attained during the war obviously involves the utilization of government-owned war plants when peace returns. That, in a nutshell, is the stand of Shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser who testified before the small business committee of the U. S. Senate. The committee is currently looking into the situation as to the light metals industry.

THREE ALTERNATIVES

Kaiser said there are three alternatives as to the government-owned plants. "The first is to junk these factories, tear them down or close them up. I cannot believe that either of these alternatives would represent the will of the people or the intention of Congress. The third alternative is that these facilities should be made available to industry for the creation of employment without which we can have neither peace nor prosperity. 'The history of our country shows that industry has the know how to make use of such facilities. To me this is the democratic way and it conforms with our American methods of production. FREE ENTERPRISE.

"I do not believe that many of our people want to change either our form of government or the basic essentials of free enterprise." Kaiser then enumerated his viewpoint on the basic problem as: "I believe that these government-owned plants should be operated as soon as the war is over for the benefit and prosperity of our people."

**San Diego Labor
Paper Pans AFL
Leaders' Stand
On Foreign Issue**

San Diego, Calif.

The foreign policy of the AFL, which "officially is about that of the Russia-hating, labor-hating Chicago Tribune," does not represent the sentiments of the rank-and-file AFL members, the Labor Leader, AFL paper, informed Pravda, Moscow newspaper.

In a friendly-worded editorial, the Labor Leader said the Russian paper was "about 80 per cent correct" in accusing the AFL of being "headed by a flock of Russia-hating reactionaries intent on playing America First with the labor movement."

"In the department of international relations, Messrs. Green, Tobin, Hutcheson et al., have missed the bus to an extent that reminds the onlooker of Warren Gamaliel Harding and the League of Nations. They have given lip service to progress, while refusing to budge one inch in its dangerous direction. They have hung their clothes on the hickory limb, but not gone near the water."

"The foreign policy of the AFL, officially, is about that of the Russia-hating, labor-hating Chicago Tribune. As internationalists, the big-shots of the AFL are lagging about a lap and a half behind Senator Burton K. Wheeler. What Pravda's brain boys don't understand, though, is the truly amazing lack of any connection between the way Pres. William Green thinks and the way the average AFL member acts and votes. Bill Green is not a commissar—he's a tradition."

The Labor Leader, which is edited by Wells Toft, is the official organ of the San Diego County Federated Trades and Labor Council.

**Machinists of
Washington In
Appeal to Join
Labor Congress**

Seattle, Wash.

The Washington Machinists Council voted to ask Pres. Harvey Brown of the International Association of Machinists and the general executive board to "do everything in their power" to get the AFL to join with other unions in a new world labor organization. "The World Trade Union Conference, just adjourned in London, has set a pace for all organized labor to follow by uniting on an international scale," the resolution said.

The machinists pointed out that the WTUC's provisional committee had left a seat vacant for the AFL, which was "the only large trade union in the world that was not at the conference."

**OUR BOYS
IN SERVICE**(Letters from Members of
Butchers Union 506 now in
the Armed Services).

Hello Earl and Old Timers,

This is the surprise that even surprised me. I am finding myself thinking of the Old Gang again. Say, we were a bunch of rowdies, weren't we? The gang from Nelson Meat was anyway. It's still good to hear that the people can make that fuss back in the States because they have that right.

You guys can stop right now thinking I am waving a flag. I am speaking of what goes on behind the masks of the Jap. I mean the Jap Propaganda. You know, Earl, the Jap soldier is a very interesting thing, a mistake could be possible. When he's captured he's very shy. He shows you he has manners and culture and breeding. Of course he is a very remote character and his feelings he's afraid to express.

Why, because he's been taught by the Golden Rule. Speak when you're spoken to but, he is never spoken to because his superiors aren't democratic. You know, just like drinking at a bar. You buy me a shot and I buy you a shot. We throw the bull. If you don't like it you can mow the Republic down. Anyway, the Japs enlisted man has no right, not even to his bowl of rice nowadays. To get on with the subject he is still a prisoner. He keeps quiet for some time. When he notices after a spell you're not going to shoot or molest him he breaks down. He'll tell you everything, even the street he was hatched on. Also where the best geisha house is. You seen an ape go wild over a banana. Maybe not an ape, a monkey would describe him better, because an ape is supposed to be man's thousandth cousin.

The natives here are a happy lot. But still try to beat the G. I. on bargains. Hell, you can't win. Now this morning a native was passing by. He had a parrot. I liked him, he was a fine bird. I stopped the native and greeted him with a very cordial unbookish. I guess he was thinking what in the — this silly U. S. Native wants. He looks like a fresh pick from the States. "Say," I said, "how much you sell bird for?" You know, I tried to make each word understandable. 75 per cent can't speak a lick and the other 25 per cent are still up in the hills.

Then the native replied in perfect English with the Oxford touch, "To you Sgt. 15 Pesos. Being one of our liberators you can have the bargain cheap."

I was tongue-tied at this. I was flabbergasted at his intelligence. Then I said the hell you will, I can buy a chicken for a can of hash. I am used to eating chickens and not parrots. So I began to think fast, you know, like a freight train. I could see he wasn't dreaming, either. I gave him the Lincoln Gettysburg address plant. You know fighting his war, in the meantime these Gooks are hollowing our pockets. When I got through with him he gave me the parrot and a bunch of bananas for being so patient with him. Now I have a parrot and the mess he makes on the tent floor. And besides I get my finger bit each time I try to pet him. One of these days I am going to wish a Hari Kari on little —

Well, after you summarize my salesmanship I'll go on. But don't tell me, I know there's one born every minute. At the present I am in a rest camp. You know where you rest up your arm after each day of saluting the brass. Formations and everything that's good for the good of the soldier's welfare. And yes, we have pants now without holes. There is a shortage now, haven't you heard? The other day I saw a native woman walking along the beach and she was wearing a barrack bag for a dress. I said to myself what the hell am I bitching about.

Anyway, the food is better now, have fresh meat, yes, but you have to have your gun along side of you. Also we have butter! Wow! My hand is always in bandages but in general things are fine. Although I've been scared to death a few times I can say I am a happy boy and can still cough two times without knocking myself out. I am glad to be alive.

Seriously, Earl, I can never thank God up above enough for pulling me through. I've had four straight months of hell and I am "kicking." I am glad I am on the winning side. For the other side I am sure the devil has left. That's how things are. Will close now. Say hello to all the boys and Mrs. M. Say, what size shirt do you wear now since the addition into the family? Ha.

I am hoping you don't feel too bored with my long letter. Makes me feel good to have the time for such long letters. I wish I were back, but they say they can't spare me. That they say in the office all the time. Well, so long fellows, be good Brother Members.

TONY.
Sgt. Tony Sparacino, 39003868
Co. L, 184 Inf., APO 7, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

The guy who died from drinking varnish—certainly had a fine finish!

**SHOP STEWARD
JOB EXPLAINED**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a series of articles on the duties and responsibilities of the union shop steward. The first such article appeared in last week's Labor News. Articles will appear weekly.)

D. RESPONSIBILITIES

The shop steward is invested with responsibilities that are exacting and which demand all of the best human qualities. A few of these essential qualities are tact, intelligence, impartiality, absolute honesty, freedom from religious, political or racial prejudice, reliability and sincerity of purpose. In addition, he must thoroughly understand the scope of his duties and responsibilities. A few of these responsibilities are as follows:

1. Organization:

One of the most important functions of the steward is the task of building up union membership. He should strive to secure and maintain a 100 per cent membership in his department. If the membership is permitted to fall off, some rival or independent union may seek to seize representation. The employer, sensing some lassitude or internal weakness, may attempt to jockey the union into a National Labor Relations Board election in a test of strength to determine the exact status of the union.

Under a maintenance of membership contract, where there may be cliques composed of non-members, it is important to immediately contact each new employee before he may be influenced into not joining. If there is a voluntary check-off provision in effect, the steward should request new members to sign the check-off authority at the same his application is taken.

The responsibility rests upon the steward to create a good impression of the union. New employees should be told about the benefits in wages and working conditions which the union has secured for all employees, how the contract safeguards employees from discriminatory acts, how all share in the benefits of the collective bargaining agreement and how all should share in responsibility and costs.

Even under a closed or union shop contract it is important to contact new employees and sell the union. It is far better to make the new employee a friend by inviting him in rather than clubbing him in.

If management is fair, give them a plug, too. Don't be afraid of being criticized for saying "This is a swell place to work." Responsible stewards never knock management as an organizing tactic. It backfires. A union does not need to scare a new employee into joining. The labor movement is grounded on a much more firm foundation. If a new member later discovers that the employee-employer relationship has been misrepresented, he will feel that he was tricked into joining and his confidence in the union will be weakened or lost. Secure his membership, instead, by pointing out how both he and the union will mutually benefit, what the union has already accomplished and its future goal.

2. Policing the Contract:

In policing the contract, a shop steward's integrity is open to challenge. Unless he has the consent of higher authority he should never waive any clause of the contract nor make any "side agreements" in conflict with the terms of the agreement.

The steward is responsible for securing for the members, every concession which the contract provides. Likewise, a company which operates under a progressive industrial relations policy instructs its foremen and supervisory personnel to grant employees every privilege and benefit to which the collective bargaining agreements entitles them.

Be consistent. Do not ask for special privileges which conflict with the contract and you will not be embarrassed by having to refuse a like concession requested by a foreman.

3. Handling Grievances:

The handling of grievances is a grave responsibility. The steward's knowledge of his job and his ability to secure a prompt and just settlement has a direct bearing on the well-being, happiness, wealth and security of human beings.

4. Committee Work:

A steward who also serves on the contract negotiating committee can contribute his experience in applying the contract and point out any frailties or ambiguities which may have appeared. Constructive ideas advanced for the modification or clarification of the contract should be supported by reference to actual cases and specific instances. The responsibility of the steward is multiplied when he also serves on such committees because his suggestions will apply plant-wide rather than to the narrow confines of his department. Whether or not he is a member of the negotiation committee, a good shop steward should be ready to offer the committee constructive suggestions based on his experience.

E. Authority

Shop stewards, like foremen, have a predetermined area of authority. Definite limits of authority are essential if there is to be orderly procedure, efficient handling of grievances and uniform application of the collective bargaining contract. The steward should observe the following rules to avoid

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About Imperialism**EDITOR:**

Under the heading of "Labor's Stake Abroad," printed in your last issue at the request of the Central Labor Council, the author, the Workers' Education Bureau, refers to the "imperialism" of Great Britain and the USSR and what must be done to prevent it.

For 25 years Russia stuck to her job of building up her country and didn't molest anybody's borders. When her efforts to get collective security against fascism failed, she sought refuge in her own strength. Then is when she started to strengthen her buffer belt—in Finland, the Baltic states, in Poland and in Rumania (Bessarabia). Russia has had 5 million or more soldiers killed in this war, and probably an equal number of civilians, and a large part of her country devastated. She is going to make very sure this time that she has friendly governments on her borders—and not governments, like those of Finland, Hungary and Rumania that join with a future resurgent Germany to attack her. And she is going to make very sure that the future government of Poland is not anti-Soviet. Maybe this is "imperialism," although that isn't the definition of the word given by Webster. But whatever it is, I am in favor of it—just as I would be in favor of the U. S. doing something about it if Mexico and Canada were pro-fascist and were figuring on joining in attacks on us in the future.

We'll do better if we quit worrying about Russia and get to work providing 60 million jobs for Americans!

—ALAN RAMON.

Sequel, California.

**Tobin Disavows Stand
Of Teamsters' Editor
On 'Steel Formula'**

Indianapolis, Indiana

Pres. Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters disavowed an editorial supporting the Little Steel formula which appeared in the March issue of his union's official magazine, the International Teamster.

Although Tobin is editor of the journal, he said he disagreed with the editorial and had not seen it until after it was published. The editorial, which warned that revision of the Little Steel formula would bring about inflation, was written by Associate Editor Lester M. Hunt, who said he wrote it because he "believed somebody should warn labor of what lies ahead."

stepping out of his limits of authority.

1. He should thoroughly understand the contract, its interpretation and how it is applied, but when in doubt, he should consult the Business Representative or the Chief Steward. Never guess—be sure.

2. If a new problem arises which may establish an important principle or precedent, he should again consult higher union authority. An act which may appear wise on its face, may have far-reaching complications and upset well-laid plans causing irrevocable injury to the membership at large.

3. The shop steward level of authority is usually coterminous with, and equal to the foreman level. Run-of-the-mill grievances can generally be disposed of at this level by either reaching a settlement or correcting the cause. Ninety per cent of ordinary "beefs" should be settled at this point. A fair measure of the beginning and end of a steward's authority usually is found in how far the foreman is authorized to go.

4. In the same way that a shop steward's area of operation is staked out and defined with limits beyond which it is unwise to go, so also should others in higher authority respect this area as exclusively the field of the steward unless assistance is requested.

It is not in the interest of orderly procedure for one in higher authority to ignore the shop steward and trespass his delegated authority. Such acts cause resentment on the part of the steward, the membership and the foreman with whom the steward deals.

The first principle of good management is to establish and rigidly respect levels of authority and definite responsibility. Define the steward's area and limitations; demand standards of performance, give him clearly defined duties and responsibilities, then respect his domain. It is unfair to by-pass a steward under any circumstances by handling complaints or grievances taken "over his head" by some disgruntled worker.

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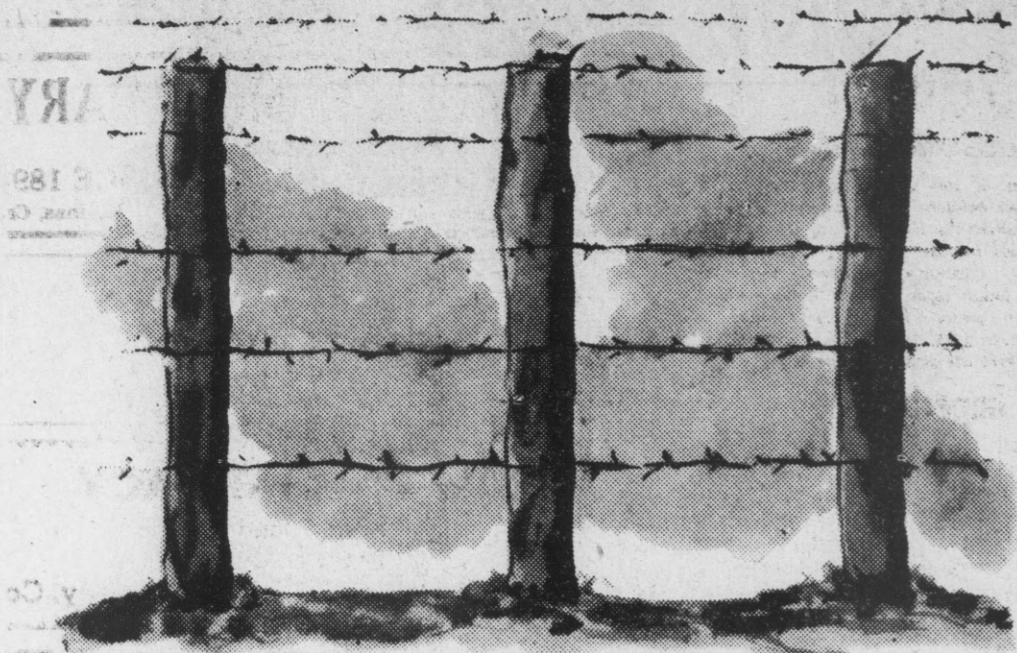
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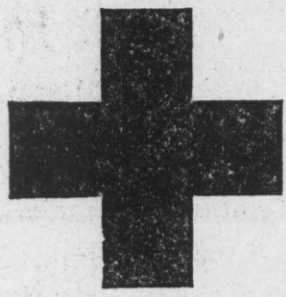
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That 'Voting' Bugbear: IF 'BIG FIVE' CAN'T ACT IN UNISON, THERE'LL NOT BE ANY CHANCE FOR PEACE

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK

Washington, D.C.

Those damned Reds got away with murder at Yalta! The communists want to veto any possible action against Russia!

Those are typical reactions of the tory press and radio commentators to the so-called Yalta voting formula.

But suppose we all take a deep breath and think a minute. What's all the hollering about?

The peaceful and prosperous world for which everybody on our side is now fighting depends wholly upon the present unity of the United Nations being carried over into the peace period. Everybody accepts that as a fact.

CARELESS TALK ABOUNDS

Yet a very great deal of careless talk is being reported in the daily papers and on the air. Some of it is based on sheer ignorance and another large part is firmly entrenched in a desire to smear the Soviet Union.

All of it boils down to a statement that the Soviet Union has insisted upon holding a veto power over any consideration of using the force of the world security organization against Soviet aggression.

NOT JUST FOR RUSSIA

As to that simplified expression of the situation two points can be made here:

1. The Yalta voting formula is not set down as an exclusively Soviet veto power. It also enables the U. S., Britain, France or China, as equal members of the permanent security council, to veto any combined action naming them individually or collectively as aggressors subject to being halted by the force of the world organization.

2. Whenever the new world security organization reaches the point at which one of the big five is spearheading aggression or is charged with aggression, the hope of world peace has already collapsed. World War III could be under way amid the thunder of bombs before the vote could be tallied.

PRESS IGNORES ISSUE

Neither of these two points has been underscored in the Scripps, Howard, Hearst or Patterson-McCormick papers, much less even mentioned there. The whole problem has been given to the U. S. public framed in an anti-Soviet setting. That's the only way our big dailies and big radio chains wish to present it. That is part of the so-called "freedom of the press," which is essentially the freedom to lie and misrepresent facts.

The will to keep the peace by negotiation and tolerance through mutual, international understanding is the key to the problem.

Some of the very statesmen who are now yelling bloody murder about this Yalta voting formula would be the first to pound the war drums if a landing of U. S. Marines in one of the banana republics of Central America brought the naming of the U. S. as an aggressor. These citizens would have American blood and money expended for the right of the United Fruit Co. to rule the political destinies of some of our smaller neighbors to the south.

As viewed from this corner there is simply no hope for world peace unless all of the key powers (the ones that will have to enforce it) can function in complete unity.

Pestbrook Wigler

Westbrook Pegler, frothing at his typewriter, is our No. 1 pan-American, says Hector Himself in the San Diego Labor Leader.

Labor Getting Worst of It On Air Waves

New York City

Labor takes a beating from commentators on the air waves five times as often as it gets a kind word, a survey in the March issue of Common Sense magazine disclosed.

The survey, conducted by Leila Sussman, was based on content of the top 33 network radio news and comment programs during the 7-week period from Sept. 17 to Nov. 7 when unions were immersed in the election campaign. The programs were chosen because they had the largest audience of all such programs of the air.

WEIGHTED AGAINST LABOR

During the period listened to there were 166 discussions of labor on moral grounds, Miss Sussman said. For every discussion approving labor on moral grounds, there were almost five that disapproved. Of the 166, 22 were favorable, 105 unfavorable, 14 neutral and 25 balanced.

In the lead, as chief anti-labor commentator was Fulton Lewis Jr., with Henry J. Taylor, Bankhage, Ray Henle and Morgan Beatty as runners-up. Lewis, in 17 broadcasts, discussed labor unfavorably 13 times, favorably once, neutral twice and balanced (mentions for and against) once. Commentators who were fair to labor, according to the analysis, are Drew Pearson, Raymond Gram Swing, Walter Winchell, Cecil Brown, Arthur Hale, Warren Sweeney and Gabriel Heatter.

NBC WORST OFFENDER

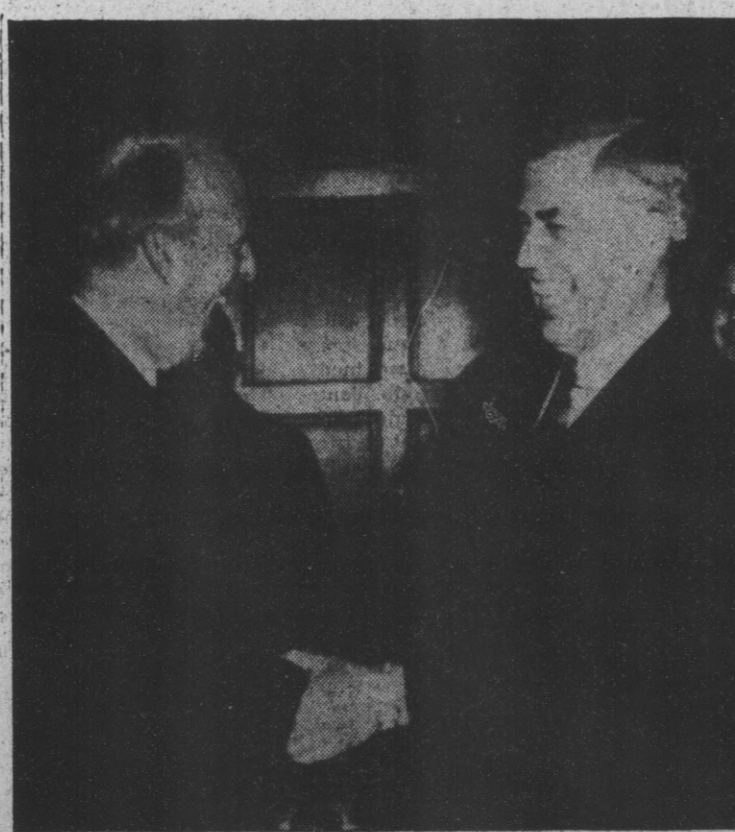
Breaking down the total results according to networks, the survey found that NBC carried more anti-labor mentions, mainly because of the broadcasts of Morgan Beatty. Mutual was second, the Blue network third and Columbia comparatively the most fair to labor. In percentages, 70 per cent of the references on NBC were anti-labor, 64 per cent on Mutual were anti-labor, 61 per cent on the Blue network were anti-labor and 50 per cent on Columbia were anti-labor.

Newspaper Machinists Given \$1.85 Per Hour

Detroit, Michigan Union electricians on the three Detroit dailies have had their hourly rates raised to \$1.85 from \$1.70, Electrical Workers Local 58 announces.

"Darling, you are the first girl I ever kissed," said the master sergeant, shifting gears with his feet.

People's Champ Wins Plaudits



Smiling happily, Henry A. Wallace, people's champion, receives the congratulations of Associate Justice Hugo Black, who has just sworn him in as secretary of commerce. (Federated Pictures)

Church Leader Wins Labor's Rights Award

New York City

The Rev. James Myers, industrial secretary of the Fed. Council of Churches and author of *Do You Know Labor?* has been



REV. JAMES MYERS

chosen to receive the annual award presented by the Workers Defense League for "distinguished service on behalf of labor's rights." Aron S. Gilmartin, national chairman of the League announced.

For many years an ardent champion of labor's democratic rights, Mr. Myers will be the first churchman to receive the WDL award, which has been given since 1941. Past recipients have been Senator Robert M. LaFollette Jr.; John F. Finerty, noted attorney; A. Philip Randolph, International President, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Mr. Myers helped draft the religious leaders' statement to Congress opposing the Austin-Wadsworth labor draft bill, which was signed by 1184 prominent clergymen of all faiths. His book, *Do You Know Labor?*, now in its fourth edition, is widely used in church circles.

SWIVEL-CHAIR FARMER FOR HIGH PRICES, LOW WAGES

Washington, D. C.

Pres. Edward A. O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau Federation, representing the life insurance companies and other corporate holders of large blocks of farm land, told the Senate banking and currency committee he supported wage and price control with a substantial "but."

O'Neal, who has earned a handsome living representing corporations since his early days in Alabama, tries to represent himself as a spokesman for the lowly dirt farmer. His efforts today are not as successful as of yore because of the work of the National Farmers Union.)

As a spokesman for the Farm Bureau, he told the committee that although "the cost of living is practically the same as it was during 1925-29 . . . wages of factory workers are 87 per cent higher than they were in 1925-29."

O'Neal said the Farm Bureau strongly urges the continuation of the Little Steel formula. However, he asked "the gradual elimination of consumer subsidies" and admitted that he also wanted maximum price ceilings on food increases "to the extent necessary to prevent such ceilings from depressing returns to producers."

Office Workers' Only Hope Lies In Organization

Washington, D. C.

Organization of the American white collar worker is the only real hope that can be held out for him to keep step with his brother in overalls, the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency was told. The statement came from Chairman William H. Davis of the National War Labor Board who stepped into a new role as director of economic stabilization.

Davis said: "The white collar workers, many of them, fall into the substandard wage classification. It is very important that this situation be corrected. One of our difficulties is that they tend not to be organized. It is almost a class consciousness among them."

Indicating that the WLB has tried to do all it could, Davis remarked that "whenever we give a factory worker a raise, we authorize the employer to raise the pay of his office staff proportionately."

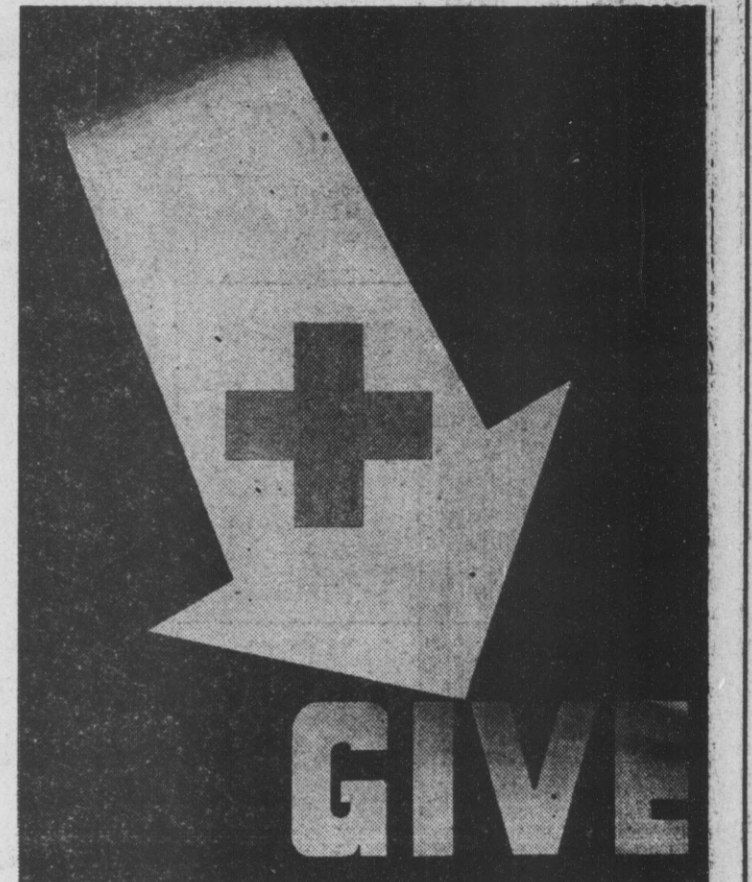
The catch is, however, that usually there is no union around to speak up for the clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers and junior executives.

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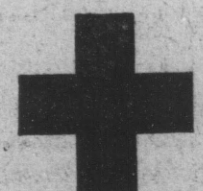
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He'll tell you what the Red Cross does for him—and how! Listen to the boy's letter to his dad:

"Pop, whenever the Red Cross comes to you for money, give what you can spare, as they are wonderful to us."

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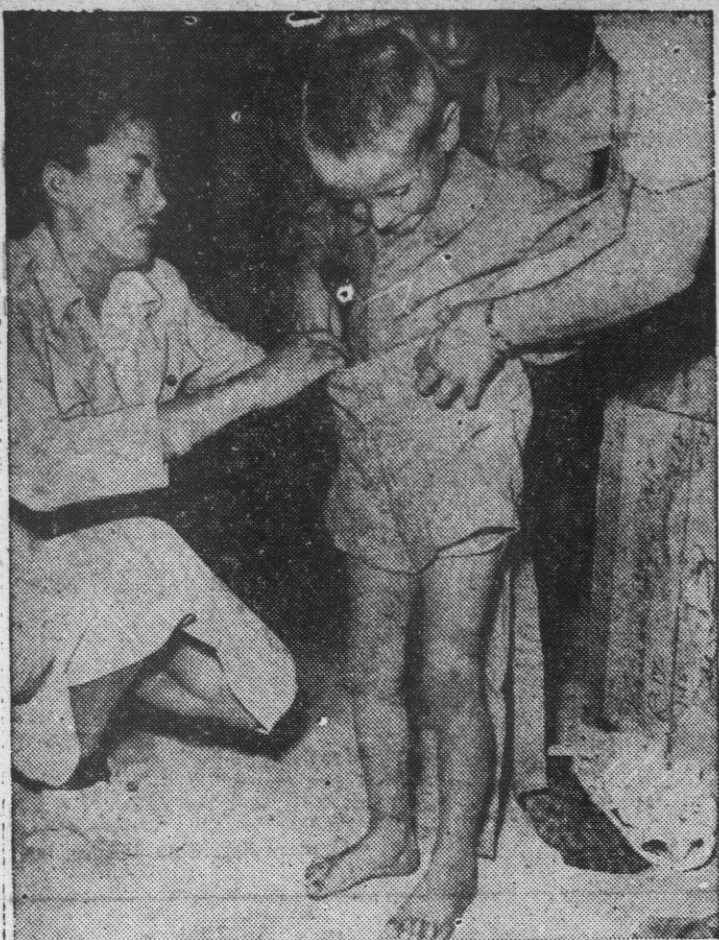
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KANSAS CITY TO THE MIDDLE EAST by way of the American Red Cross. These pants and the shirt came from Red Cross volunteer sewing rooms in Kansas City, and are being fitted on a pleased little Yugoslav refugee by a Red Cross civilian relief worker.

Thomas Lauds International Labor Set-up

Detroit, Michigan "The world labor conference practically assured labor representation at the peace table," Pres. R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers told many hundreds of members and an impressive turnout of judges, public officials and professional people here. The occasion was his first public address on the London labor conference, of which he was one of the three presidents, made at a dinner under the auspices of the Greater Detroit and Wayne County Council.

Justice George Bushnell of the Michigan supreme court was toastmaster in amiable and progressive vein. The assistant director of the British Information Service in this country spoke for England, a Chinese student at the University of Michigan for China and Thelma Nuremberg, American correspondent in Germany and Russia on behalf of the Soviet Union. "All were cordially applauded."

BIG POSSIBILITIES

Thomas was full of enthusiasm for the new world labor federation enrolling 27,000,000 Soviet labor men and women, 7,000,000 British, 6,000,000 CIO, 5,000,000 French and smaller numbers of unionists from 41 other lands. It is the best guarantee of permanent peace, he said, promising to accomplish what diplomats from the beginning of time had failed to do.

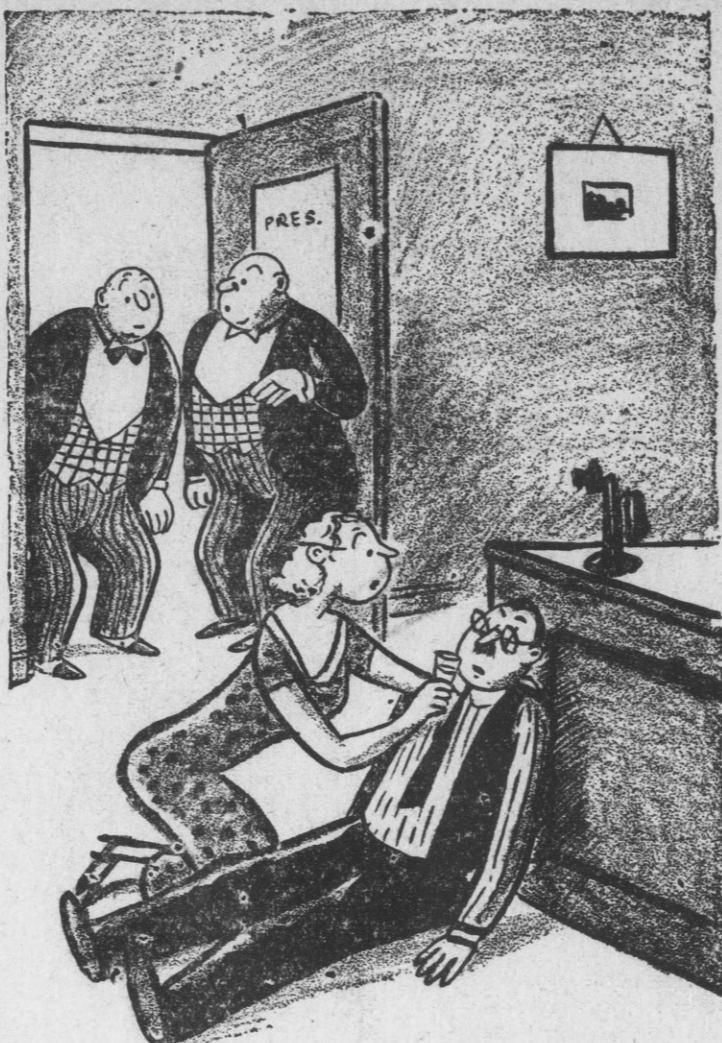
Fending off insinuations that he was headed toward socialism and communism, Thomas stoutly said: "Communism is not the issue. For 12 years I have been a Roosevelt new dealer and I hope to be for 12 years more."

RUSS FALL IN LINE

He told of embarrassment over a British motion at the conference to fight for socialism throughout the world after the war, as he wondered how the Russians would vote. An alternative was worked out making the objectives a world-wide 40-hour week, decent living wage, hospital and medical care, good housing, etc.

"The Russians voted unanimously for the substitute," Thomas said. "We didn't condemn free enterprise. But we need more national economy to supply 60,000,000 jobs over here."

Fairy Tale Redfield



"The WLB just approved a pay raise for him."

AFL Pays Seabees Tribute In New Radio CBS Series

Washington, D. C. The American Federation of Labor will pay honor to the Seabees in a series of thirteen weekly radio programs opening April 7 over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The Seabees are the construction battalions of the U. S. Navy, as everyone knows. But few people realize that about 80 per cent of the enrollment of the Seabees were recruited from the building trades and metal trades unions of the AFL.

Therefore, the AFL feels particularly proud of the glorious war record of the Seabees. Outstanding episodes of Seabee accomplishments in all theaters of war will be told in dramatized form in the radio series. These will be true stories and real names will be used. The programs have been officially approved by the Navy Department and will be broadcast with the cooperation of CBS which is making available its time and facilities free of charge to the American Federation of Labor.

Watch for the opening program to be broadcast at 6:45 p.m., Pacific time, April 7 and follow the succeeding episodes each Saturday at the same time.

If People Will It So, They Can 'Transform These United States Into Paradise,' Declared

By "OBSERVER"

Morris Zucker has written a monumental work, "The Philosophy of American History," in which he argues that history is as truly a science as physics or astronomy. He says that "the events of history are the result of social forces operating in a definite historical field through aggregates of different social potentials which constitute the social continuum, and by mutual interaction determine the nature of the social structure."

Perhaps you will forgive his use of this sort of ponderous language after you have read his prophecy of what will happen if our leaders adopt the "unparalleled opportunity for the fuller unfoldment of the forces released by the American revolution":

"We shall transform these United States into a paradise on earth. We shall replenish the depleted soil, dam up our wild-flowing streams, reforest the denuded hills and fill the countryside with comfortable homes abounding with the material things for a rational life and the opportunity to enjoy them. . . . The laughter of little children will once again resound with the plenteousness of a young land upon which so strangely has descended the ancient, awesome curse of sterility. . . . America will bloom like a garden again in a world saddened by want, by unnecessary strife, by individualistic ambition which feeds upon the deprivation of his fellow men. . . . To such a world America will say—Brothers of men, children of the common earth, this is the way to the everlasting life of the human spirit. Come, join with us, and we strive together to attain to the fuller knowledge of that unknown yet everlasting Presence which is the essence of blessedness on earth."

Those who are not moles know that, if we put our minds to it, we could realize Zucker's vision of abundance within a few generations.

Unions Appeal WMC 'Draft'



Business Agent Laurent Fauteux of the New Bedford, Mass., Joint Board, Textile Workers Union (CIO), clashes with WMC Regional Attorney Joseph Fisher (r) during a hearing given Mrs. Mary Crooks on the question of "drafting" her into a war plant. L to r: Mrs. Crooks, Fauteux stenographer, Neil Mackenzie of Granite Cutters Intl. Assn. (AFL), Jack Blume of Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO) and Fisher.

TEMO EDITOR FEARFUL OF LIFTING BAN ON PAY HIKE

Indianapolis, Indiana Sharp issue with labor's fight to break the Little Steel formula was taken in the International Teamster, official magazine of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL).

An unsigned editorial in the March issue of the journal said that trying to revise the formula upward would be "like a dog chasing its tail," a sure path to inflation. "The remedy," it said, "lies in enacting the tax laws proposed by the administration to take away enormous profits." It said labor can not cure its condition "by trying to take a cut out of this blood money (profits)."

The editorial accused Congress of being "the weak link in the economic stabilization program . . . yielding to high pressure demands by farmers and war profiteers. Every time it yielded, prices went up."

Politicians and profiteers who want to see all economic controls broken without taking responsibility themselves for bringing inflation about are encouraging "some labor leaders" to break the Little Steel formula, the editorial said, adding this warning: "Labor better do some serious thinking before it listens to such advice. The way to protect your wages is to plug the leaks in the stabilization dam. If you dynamite it, you'll drown in the flood."

Consumers Battling Lobbyists' Efforts To Increase Prices

Washington, D. C. Lobbying tactics of manufacturers seeking to smash price control were countered by a battery of consumers groups that converged on the Senate Banking and Currency Committee urging price control extension.

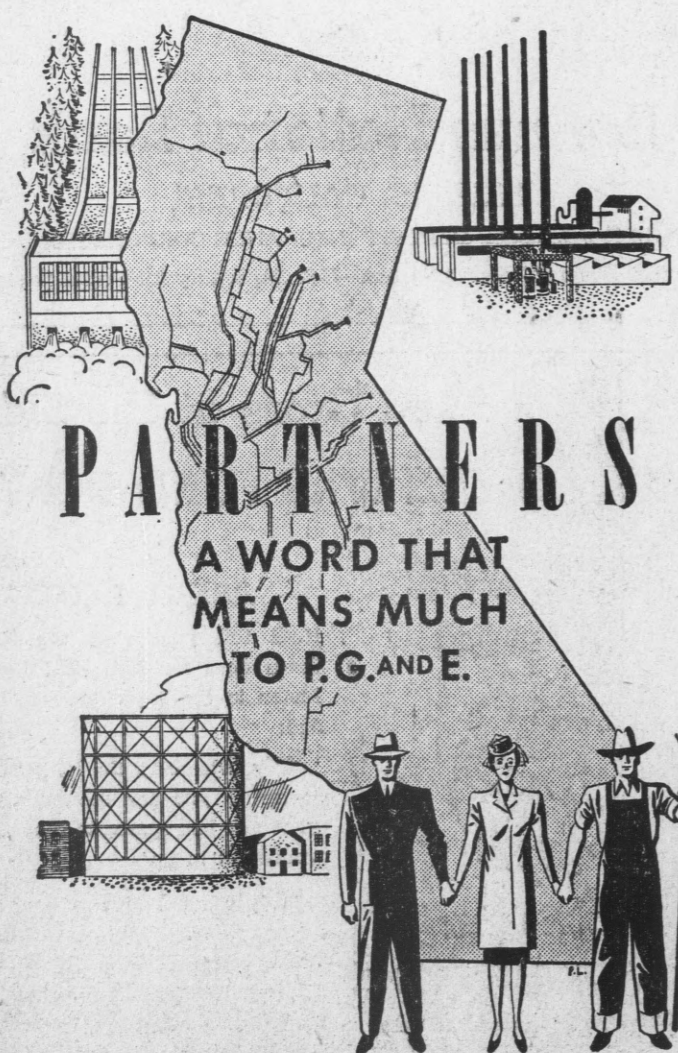
Representing 10 million members of 11 national organizations, they hit at such special groups as the textile manufacturers who threatened to amend the price control act out of existence.

The delegation including members of the American Association of University Women, National Consumers League, American Federation of Teachers, National Women's Trade Union League and others said price control must be extended for protection of all citizens.

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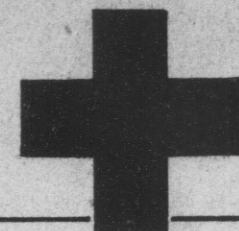
The partner-ownership of P. G. and E. stock is typically Californian. It springs from the desire of small investors to place their savings in a California institution which with its predecessors, has been in business in this state for more than 90 years. It is an expression of their faith in the continued growth of the state and in an industry that aids and adds to prosperity.

29,000 or 24.1 per cent of these small "savings account" holdings are from 1 share to 10 shares for each holder, and 74,106 or 61.2 per cent are from 11 to 100 shares each. Only 640 stockholders own 1,000 shares or more.

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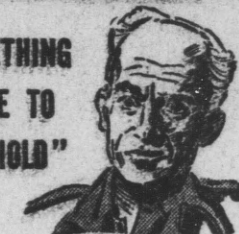
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General "Ike" knows the way a bombing crew, back safe from a perilous mission, go for the coffee and doughnuts the Red Cross girls serve! He knows how the Red Cross is always on the job at the front—day and night—to make G. I. Joe's life a little more like the life he left—back home in the U.S.A.

And this is what General "Ike" says about the Red Cross:

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An Illinois farmer sold the hide of a calf for \$8, then went to town and paid \$8 for a pair of shoes. Now he knows what a skin game is.



After all, a statesman has a hard lot. It is easy enough to pick the right side, but so difficult to pick the side that will hold the most votes.

Conan Doyle says that in Heaven everybody is busy. Another dream shattered.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL!

UNFORTUNATELY YOMEN



Compensation Gains for Workers Threatened by 'Philly Lawyer' Measure

Workmen's compensation gains, won the hard way by labor over a period of 30 years, are due for the discard if Assembly Bill 1924 is passed, declares the State Federation of Labor. Two of the three lawyers sponsoring this measure are identified with insurance carriers, one a full-time employee, the other identified with fights against "serious and wilful" misconduct awards.

Reactionary features of the bill are partly disguised with verbiage. One gives each referee status of a "commissioner," presumably to give referees power to decide cases without Commission approval. Referees like to think of themselves as superior judges. Voters can retire a judge, but a referee who may be partial to insurance carriers may have his job for life because of his civil service tenure. The bill also requires that one commissioner be a lawyer (not now required). This is considered just another effort to make procedure more in the interest of lawyers and companies.

COSTLY TO WORKERS

If this bill became law it would do away with all the simple procedure and substitute complicated procedure that would slow up proceedings. Moreover, an applicant would have to hire an attorney for his own protection.

The present law (in Section 5903) provides five grounds for rehearing; the proposed bill provides seven, the two additions being drastic and confusing. Original framers of the law made wise provisions for review proceedings, but A. B. 1924 throws them to the winds.

LAWYERS' PARADISE

Authors of this bill want to bring about a complex, exacting and highly technical procedure on cases. Although they didn't intend to have it labeled a "Philadelphia Lawyers' Bill," that is just what it is—because the ordinary citizen would be lost in the face of such technicalities. It is a threat to our compensation laws and must not be allowed to wipe out the gains of thirty years!

S. F. GUILD ASKS BRIDGES CASE ENDING

San Francisco, Calif. The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, third largest unit in the national union, voted in a referendum to ask presidential intervention to stop deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges.

Meany Lauds Mexico Parley As a Step Toward Security

Washington, D. C. Returned from the Inter-American Conference on the Problems of War and Peace at Mexico City, which he attended as labor adviser to the United States delegation, AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany declared the actions of the meeting augur well for the maintenance of permanent peace in the Western Hemisphere. Describing the results of the conference in an article in the current issue of the American Federationist, Mr. Meany called it "one of the most successful international meetings of all time." "For the first time in pan-American history," he said, "definite procedures were established for the application of economic and military sanctions against any would-be warmaker." Mr. Meany bestowed particular praise on the Economic Charter of the Americas, which was adopted at the conference. This charter when implemented by action of the individual nations participating, "must inevitably be one of the brightest pages in the story of man's unending struggle for economic betterment," he said. The charter guarantees to workers throughout the hemisphere the right to join together into trade unions and it endorses labor's right to bargain collectively with employers, Mr. Meany pointed out.

Do You Know?

—That the five tiny Central American countries on the narrow peninsula between Mexico and the Panama Canal have a combined area of about 187,000 square miles and a total population of less than 8 million?

—That of the five only one (Costa Rica) has a democratic government? That dictatorships run the remainder?

—That in El Salvador all arable land is in the hands of eight families?

—That Guatemala has lived under dictatorships since 1898?

—That the economy in the Central American countries is "one-crop" and agrarian, carried on under feudal conditions and largely dependent on foreign capital and trade?

—That nearly all consumer goods, including foodstuffs, are imported, and that absentee landlords are dead set against diversified or subsistence farming?

—That the populations consist largely of mestizo, Indian and Negro or Mulatto with a small parasite upper class of white and Spanish ancestry?

—That most of the people are illiterate?

—That shipping restrictions and wartime curbs have brought severe hardships on an already badly exploited and underprivileged people?

—That while we are fighting aggression and dictatorship abroad we'd better realize that we've got plenty of it in the Western hemisphere?

Age of Non-Consent

We hear there's a campaign afoot in England to let only women over 50 enter the profession of strip-teasing. Now if only they'd limit them to performing during blackouts, we might agree.



More Sun-Ripe Fruits After War

A recent shipment of fresh dates from Arizona to Tennessee was a forward step in the commercial shipment of produce by air. The dates were picked, washed, packed, put on an airline freighter in Arizona the same day, flown overnight and offered for sale in Tennessee the following day. The overnight long distance shipment of perishable foodstuffs by air from the grower-farmer to city consumer is forging a new link in distribution which promises to bring to American homes fresh foods of greater variety and finer quality.

As airlines are able to make more non-priority space available, other produce such as tree-ripened oranges, grapes, peaches, apricots and other fruits, and vegetables, as well as fresh-caught seafood, will be offered to housewives in most parts of the country. This means more flavorful foods for consumers and, nutritionally speaking, a considerable increase in supply of vitamins from natural sources. It is known that most fruits and vegetables that mature on the plant and in the sun are higher in vitamin content than those taken from the plant while they are still firm enough to withstand long shipments by land or water. This method of transportation will add to our enjoyment of many foods, especially fruits which have a better flavor when ripened on the tree.

Machinist Buck Of Month Club Proves Success

Burbank, Calif. The Buck-of-the-Month Club is a good name and it's a good means by which members of Lodge 727, International Association of Machinists, at Lockheed Aircraft Co. collect money for Red Cross or any other charity drives throughout the year.

Members pay a buck a month into the club and no drives are conducted throughout the plant, but donation is taken from the club treasury on a per capita basis. The scheme originated four years ago with Dale O. Reed, ex-president of Lodge 727, and has had the full cooperation of the union and the company. Control board is made up of representatives of the union, the company and the Lockheed Employees Recreation Club, with chairmanship rotating. Buck-of-the-Month is voluntary. About once a year workers hold a membership campaign urging all employees to sign authorizations for the monthly payroll deduction of \$1.

Court Decision Upholds Several Bad Features of Anti-Labor Bill

Topeka, Kansas Major part of a drastic Kansas labor law regulating unions was upheld here by a 3-judge federal district court.

The judges held unconstitutional parts of the law (1) banning strikes unless approved by a majority vote of the workers involved, (2) prohibiting refusal by union members to handle non-union products, (3) banning strikes over jurisdictional disputes.

But the majority of the provisions were upheld. These require licensing of business agents, filing with state officials copies of union constitutions and annual financial statements, prohibiting closed shop agreements unless approved by a majority of workers in the plant, denying the right to picket beyond the area of the industry involved in the labor dispute, requiring secret balloting in all elections and strike votes, prohibiting sitdowns and secondary or sympathetic strikes and requiring business agents to have specific authority to act for unions.

Other provisions upheld by the court forbid employers to coerce or intimidate employees and to dominate unions or to discriminate against any worker for joining a union or union activity.

Detroit Dailies Disrupting Typo Pacts, Charged

Detroit, Michigan The three Detroit dailies and other publishers under the newspaper contract of the International Typographical Union (Detroit No. 18 and Detroit Mailers No. 40) have disrupted contract relations after eight months of negotiations for a new agreement. The ITU is affiliated with the AFL.

Principal issue is the attempt of the publishers, including the Free Press, Times, and News, to evade the traditional acceptance as part of the contract of the laws of the international union. In this instance they want to upset the clause on arbitration. Since relations have been good in the Detroit shops up to now the move is seen as part of a nation-wide offensive by newspaper publishers.

In taking over the negotiations International President Woodruff Randolph, who came to town from Indianapolis headquarters, said: "The ITU is making every effort to avoid strikes or lockouts during the war, but any invasion of union-shop conditions will be courageously resisted."

Detroit local presidents backed up Randolph.

A California soldier has been notified three times by the War Department of his death in France, yet he persists in being skeptical. People do not have the implicit faith in the government that they used to have.

Materials for Pre-fab Houses Given England

Washington, D. C. Materials for production of 30,000 pre-fabricated temporary emergency houses for England has been allotted by WPB to FEA, S. W. Anderson, program vice chairman, and chairman of the WPB Requirements Committee, announced. The houses will be constructed in this country at a cost estimated at \$50,000,000 under lend-lease to England.

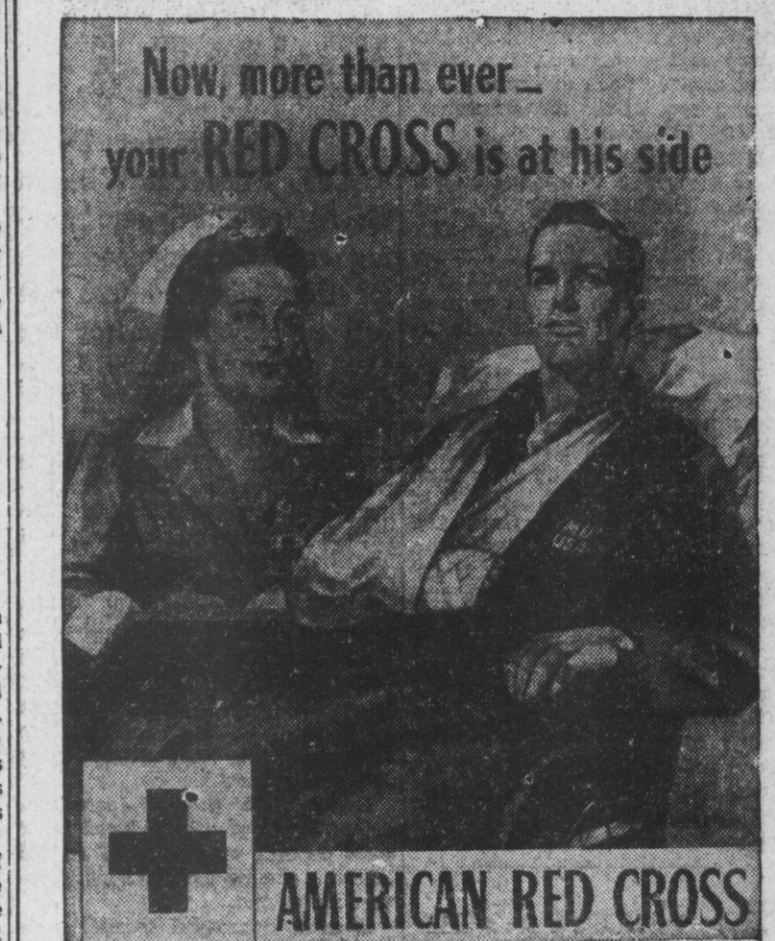
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AFL-CIO COMBINE TO HELP SPANISH AGAINST FASCISM

New York City AFL and CIO committees have been set up to enlist labor support for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee's campaign to raise \$750,000 for relief of Spanish Republican refugees. Most of the funds will be sent to help the thousands of Spanish refugees who are ill and starving in France.

Maybe the toughest way to punish Germany would be to give the country back to Adolf Hitler.

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Business for Health: S. F. COMMERCE CHAMBER COMMITTEE SAYS IT'S FOR COMPULSORY HEALTH PLAN

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Sixteen members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce have recently completed a series of meetings devoted to a study of the merits of public health insurance and have reported to the Chamber's directorate that "prepaid health insurance is desirable" and that it is "a social need" which "will not be met by voluntary insurance."

A representative of the Federation participated in one of the hearings, and explained the position the Federation has taken regarding the Governor's prepaid medical plan, as well as the amendments that the Federation has prepared and submitted. The latter have already been discussed in an earlier issue of the News Letter.

OPPOSED BY CMA
Other speakers also presented their respective viewpoints on the various bills before the State Legislature, including a representative of the California Medical Association, who opposed the prepaid medical health service plan in favor of so-called voluntary health insurance.

There are still a number of points on which the committee did not take a definite position. These include the question of the financial soundness of the plan submitted, as well as the breadth of coverage, types of services, and benefits conferred. It is clear, however, that the tendency is extremely favorable toward a prepaid health plan such as is proposed in the Governor's bill, which the Federation is supporting while working to obtain certain desirable amendments. Belief in the workability of the plan is growing as more and more groups give it the study it deserves, and its chances for passage increase correspondingly.

Big Victory Won By Seamen For Sick Protection

Washington, D. C. Merchant seamen who have had to plow through court litigation and sometimes wait years before being paid "wages, maintenance and cure" for injury at sea, won a victory from the War Shipping Administration.

In a directive to company officials, who during the war act as WSA general agents, WSA said: "Wages, maintenance and cure are not to be withheld in any case" pending legal settlement of a seaman's claim for damages.

By law seamen are entitled to wages and maintenance but company practice has been to withhold it until after settlement of long and involved court procedure.

An Editor on Editorials

Writing on the ebbing power of the editorial column in the average daily paper Virgilus Dabney, liberal editor of the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, has some sizzling observations in the Saturday Review of Literature.

Dabney is pitiless. He calls newspaper editorials today no more than "sloppily written pontifications . . . dreary and bumbling half-truths." Editorials, he observes, "are not the force in American life that they ought to be or that they were a generation ago."

Searching for the cause, he puts a finger on the newspaper owners—the publishers. "Instead," he explains, "of letting trained newspapermen conduct the newspaper . . . they insist on inflicting their prejudices on the entire staff. It is in the realm of editorial policy that this interference produces its most appalling results."

Such publishers, Dabney finds, live in "a special insulated, air-tight universe of wealth" wherein everybody seems to accept as axiomatic that "Franklin D. Roosevelt is a threat to civilization, that labor unions are a work of the devil and that the Dies committee, of fragrant memory, practically saved the nation from bolshevism."



Country Must Plan Now for Homes, Says Sen. Wagner

Washington, D. C. Plans for a gigantic post-war housing program calling for between \$7 and \$8 billion a year for 10 years in public and private investment were outlined to the nation recently by Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D., N.Y.).

Speaking on the AFL radio program America United, Wagner said he proposed to introduce a bill for the national housing program that "will help to achieve employment."

"NOW IS THE TIME"
"Decent housing for the millions who do not now have it will help raise standards of living. By both of these tests housing is near the top of things we must do when victory comes. Now is the time to get ready."

The New York senator, life-long friend of organized labor, appeared on the program with Boris Shiskin, AFL economist, F. S. Fitzpatrick of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and Paul Sifton, Washington representative of the National Farmers Union.

"MUST MAKE BIG PLANS"
Wagner said the nation has fought a bigger war than ever before. "We have accomplished marvels of production. We have the highest national income on record. . . . We must think bold thoughts. We must make broad plans. We must do big things. What does this mean to housing?"

He answered the question by recalling that before the war the U. S. built less than 275,000 non-farm houses a year and "in the first 10 years after the war we must raise this figure to almost 1½ million houses a year. Instead of investing only about \$1 billion a year in building of housing, we must invest \$7 or \$8 billion dollars a year."

START FUND TO REBUILD 'CO-OPS' IN WAR AREAS

New York City A group of individuals prominent in national and international affairs have become sponsors of the Freedom Fund for international cooperative reconstruction, The Cooperative League of the USA announced.

Among those supporting the drive are Ambassador John Winant; the Honorable Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia; Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, former Minister to Norway; Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde, former Minister to Denmark; Judge Thurman Arnold; Thomas Mann; Congressman Jerry Voorhis; Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas; Marshall Field and James P. Warburg.

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The Freedom Fund is a worldwide effort to restore and rehabilitate cooperatives in devastated areas.

Unions Hope for End to Log-Jam On Labor Board

Washington, D. C. Chances for speedy action to ease the log-jam of labor dispute cases piled dangerously high in the archives of the National War Labor Board improved with the appointment of Fred M. Vinson as federal loan administrator.

Vinson, whose rigid and legalistic approach to his post as director of economic stabilization is largely responsible for the WLB snarl, will replace Texas Jesse Jones in the financial agency.

What is most important about the appointment is not Vinson's new job, but the vacancy created in the economic stabilization office. It is the position that Vinson left that is important to American workers and most labor observers here feel that the White House will now act to put in a strengthened wage policy along with a new official to tie it up with the WLB.

Until Vinson's policy of forcing the WLB to hold up increases in the fringe issues is wiped out there is little hope of any improvement in the stock pile of old cases piling up in the WLB files.



Electricians Support Williams for RE Post

New York City Leaders of Westinghouse locals of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers went on record urging Congress to approve the nomination of Aubrey Williams as director of the rural electrification administration.

Typographical Union In Miami Given Hike On Reversed Opinion

Washington, D. C. By unanimous action the National War Labor Board reversed the decision of its Daily Newspaper Printing and Publishing Commission denying a wage increase to 306 members of the International Typographical Union on four Miami, Fla., papers.

The newspaper commission, target of frequent union attacks, held the ITU's only reason for asking the raise was that "it was within the Little Steel formula." The increase, retroactive to March 8, 1944, amounts to about 66 hourly and raises the Miami rate to \$1.53 for day work and \$1.60 for night work.

No Room For Hearst

Ceiling or no ceiling, the price of hotel accommodations is going up. To get a room in San Francisco now, you have to declare war against Germany!

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Sound Pictures For Training Ready for Use

Washington, D. C. Release of 32 new training films, to aid in training workers in vocational schools and war industries, was announced by the U. S. Office of Education, FSA.

The new films, 16-mm sound motion pictures, cover a variety of subjects, such as woodworking, foundry work, aircraft maintenance, and machine shop work.

Refuse to Use Draft For 'Strike-Breaking'

Detroit, Michigan "Selective service is not in the strikebreaking business," declared Asst. State Director Paul V. Ingstrom in Detroit when urged to reclassify the Dodge strikers. "We recognize that there are equities on both sides," the colonel added.

Beneath the spreading chestnut tree the village smithy snoozes; no nag, since 1923, has been to him for shoes.



Extra Gas for Union Officials Held Down

Washington, D. C. Trade union officials wanting supplemental gasoline rations will henceforth have to be specifically engaged in recruiting or training industrial workers or in maintaining peaceful labor relations, OPA announced.

SHORTAGE OF COAL LOOMS, SAYS BOARD

Washington, D. C. Bituminous coal production during 1945 will be 50,000,000 tons short of meeting requirements if the war in Europe continues, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes advised WPB. Because of an anticipated loss of 30,000 miners in the soft coal industry this year, the "industry will be fortunate to produce 570,000,000 tons," he said.

SLAV CONGRESS TO BACK DECISION OF YALTA 'BIG THREE'

Detroit, Michigan All Slavic organizations in Michigan should give full support to the Crimean decisions of the Big 3, including those affecting Poland, declares the American Slav Congress of Michigan. It holds its 4th annual conference in Detroit.

According to reformers the rising generation is sinking.



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